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1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in joint session, at Newport, R. I., commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 12th, 1896. The Clerk of the Women's Meeting being absent, Deborah P. Atherton is appointed to fill the vacancy for the present sitting.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.: —

From Rhode Island — Charles W. Earle, Charles A. Chace, Augustine Jones, Ellen K. Buffum, Charles Estes, M. Augusta Battey, Anna L. Manchester, Obadiah Chace, Louisa N. Meader, Walter F. Chace, Catherine Green, Robert P. Gifford, Benjamin Green, Joseph S. Anthony, Robert B. Hanson, Phebe R. Gifford, Esther Chace, Electa Jane Collins, Frank E. Jones, Samuel R. Buffinton, Mary C. Arnold, Edwin J. Lord and Joseph H. Atwater.

From Salem — William O. Newhall, Owen Dame, Deborah W. Crosman, Alice W. Maxfield, Anna M. Gove, John Ellwood Paige, John Willis Fowler, Jennie W. Crosman, Daniel C. Maxfield, Joshua Buxton, Zillah Binns, Olney T. Meader, Mary J. Buxton, Charles H. Thorndike, Jennie T. Bishop, John F. Chase, Eliza C. Gardner, Huldah G. Buxton and George A. Crosman.

From Sandwich — Arnold G. Tripp, John B. Baylies, Joshua L. Macomber, John A. Macomber, William P. Macomber, Stephen R. Wing, N. Hervey Wilbur, William Thompson, Thomas F. Haffard, John C. Taylor, Philip A. Cornell, Anna G. Wood, Rachel G. Howland, Mary Haffard, Alice R. Howland, Susan S. Tripp, Susan T. Thompson, Eloise A. Haffard, Susan F. Hoxie, Adelaide V. Wilbur, Sarah F. Potter, Lydia Gifford, Susan B. Kirby, Mary C. Baylies, Cynthia A. Kirby and Elizabeth C. Wing.

From Falmouth — John H. Hall, John J. Frye, Nathan Douglas, William H. Douglas, Ezra Hawkes, Henry F. Newell, Ellison R. Purdy, Alice W. Hawkes, Sarah W. Newlin, Lewis M. Douglas, Melvin M. Bailey, Mary A. Maxfield, Lettie M. Bailey, Elizabeth M. Frye, George H. Farr, Lucy J. Lunt, Hannah M. Goddard, William E. Watson, Eliza B. Douglas and Anna F. Hall.

From Smithfield — Henry D. Swift, Isaac Steere, William P. Pinkham, Mary A. Battey, Alice M. Dow, Abigail Wheeler, Salome C. Wheeler, A. Eben Phelps, Sarah J. Wheeler, Susan E. Wheeler, Susie M. Wheeler, John Metcalfe and William Aldrich.

From Vassalboro — William H. Cates, Zaccheus Goddard, Henry H. Goddard, Etta S. Cates, James S. Estes, William A. Jones, Anna M. Jones, Eliza P. Pierce, Emma F. R. Goddard and Elizabeth K. Jones.

From Dover — William P. Tuttle, Almira B. Buffum, Samuel Buffum, Ellen Bangs, George Estes, Anna M. Hussey, William V. Ware, Sarah V. Meader and Emeline H. Tuttle.

From Fairfield — Joseph E. Briggs, C. Irving Bailey, Paul Wing, Martha B. Osborne, Olive M. Tuttle, Mary C. Hawkes, Elizabeth M. Hawkes, Augustus F. Morse and Jesse McPherson.

From Parsonsfield — John B. Cartland, Silas H. Cartland, Ira Tilton, Melissa S. Dearborn, Elizabeth S. Hoag, Emily M. Jones and Alice M. Tilton.

Whose names being called, one hundred and fourteen were present, and twenty-two absent, for the absence of eight of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

3. We have at this time the acceptable company of our friends in the ministry, Mary Jane Weaver, from New York Yearly Meeting; William L. Wilson and George Wood, from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Susie Norris Fitkin and J. Walter Malone, from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Robert W. Douglas, from Indiana Yearly Meeting; David Tatum, from Western Yearly Meeting; Matilda W. Atkinson, from Iowa Yearly Meeting; and Richard Haworth, from Kansas Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory

testimonials from their respective Meetings expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements. We have also the acceptable company of our friend Abram T. Fitkin, companion to his wife, Susie Norris Fitkin.

4. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings, with returning minutes, if way should open for it, is referred to the following committee, viz.: William P. Pinkham, Charles H. Jones, William O. Newhall, Susan T. Thompson, Henry C. Aydelott, Charles H. Thorndike, Phebe S. Aydelott and Ellen K. Buffum.

5. We appoint Robert P. Gifford, Owen Dame, John A. Macomber, Lewis M. Douglas, D. Wheeler Swift, Eliza P. Pierce, William V. Ware, Augustus F. Morse and John B. Cartland, a committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present time, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer, also to propose a Friend for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds at Providence, and another for Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary at Vassalboro.

6. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz.:—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Adeline F. Chace, Benjamin A. and Rachel P. Chace to the station of Elder, and the same Meeting furnishes the following information, viz.: — That the Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight of that Meeting has been changed from Fourth-day afternoon to Fifth-day afternoon before the Monthly Meeting preceding each Quarterly Meeting, at 2 o'clock, and held continuously at Fall River. The time of holding Swansea Preparative Meeting has been changed from Fifth-day afternoon to Third-day evening, from Fourth Month first to Tenth Month first, at 7 o'clock, and from Tenth Month first to Fourth Month first, at 7.30 o'clock. The time for holding the mid-week Meeting for worship at Fall River has been changed from Fourth-day afternoon, at 3 o'clock, to Fifth-day evening, at 7.30 o'clock. It has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in their proposed change in the time of holding their Monthly Meeting from 11 o'clock A. M. on the Fourth-day preceding the last Fifth-day in each Month,

at Providence, to 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon on the last Seventh-day of each month, at the same place, the Preparative Meeting to occur in the week preceding the Monthly Meeting, said change to be for one year, beginning with Fifth Month, 1896.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of nine, and with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of five associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; with Weare Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Charles H. Thorndike, and with the same Meeting in the appointment of Hannah E. Chase and Abigail H. Osborne to the station of Elder, and with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William Wood to the same station. Joseph H. Peele, a minister, has been received by certificate to Salem Monthly Meeting from Ohio Yearly Meeting. The hour for holding Salem Monthly Meeting in the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Months of the present year has been changed to 7.30 P. M.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that Dartmouth Monthly Meeting has appointed David H. Potter, correspondent, in place of Ephraim Gifford, deceased, P. O. address, Dartmouth, Mass. And New Bedford Monthly Meeting has appointed John B. Baylies, correspondent, in place of Gideon Wood, who has been released from service on account of illness, P. O. address, New Bedford, Mass. Hannah C. Wing, a Minister, has removed from New York Monthly Meeting, to reside within the limits of Sandwich Monthly Meeting. It has united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lucinda M. Wood to the station of Elder.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Edwin C. Jones and Augustus C. Jones to the station of Elder. Ellison R. Purdy, a Minister, and his wife, Amelia F. Purdy, an Elder, have been received members of Falmouth Monthly Meeting by certificate from West Branch Monthly Meeting, New York Yearly Meeting. Melissa C. Crosman, a member and Elder of Durham Monthly Meeting, has been released from membership at her own request. It has united with Durham Monthly Meeting in withdrawing its recognition of Cyrus Cartland as a Minister and exponent of Friend's

faith. William P. Davis and Ella L. Bailey, Elders and members of the same Meeting, have been released from membership.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of six Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, also in changing the hour of holding the same Monthly Meeting from 10.30 A. M. to 11 o'clock A. M.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in holding said Meeting alternately at Vassalboro and East Vassalboro, commencing at Vassalboro in the First Month. Elijah Cook, a Minister and member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, has removed within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Winthrop Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Horace M. Hall and Martha B. Osborne. Alpheus Trueblood, a Minister, has been received by certificate to Winthrop Monthly Meeting from Wilmington Yearly Meeting. Lizzie A. Church, a Minister and member of Winthrop Monthly Meeting, has been released from membership at her own request. It has united with Winthrop Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Augustus F. Morse and Sarah E. Morse to the station of Elder, and with Sidney Monthly Meeting in the appointment of six Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. A Mid-week and preparative Meeting has been established at Augusta, to be held on Fourth day evening at 7.30 o'clock, also a meeting for worship and preparative meeting has been established at Hallowell, to be held on First day at 2.30 P. M., and on Sixth day at 7.30 P. M.

Requests from the Quarterly Meetings:

7. *Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting* is united in asking the Yearly Meeting that hereafter the Treasurer of the meeting be constituted a member *ex-officio* of the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting, which proposition, being considered is approved, and our Treasurer will hereafter be a member *ex-officio* of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance.

Dover Quarterly Meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meeting to grant the holding of future Quarterly Meetings in the First Month

at Gonic, N. H., instead of North Berwick, Me., and in changing the hour of holding the same from half-past ten to eleven o'clock, which request is granted and the change is made.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting requests the Yearly Meeting to consider the subject of modifying the privileges of birthright membership. The matter is referred to the Representatives to this Meeting.

8. We are informed that all the Quarterly Meetings have paid or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting their respective quotas of Yearly Meeting Stock.

9. The Representatives are requested to nominate two Friends from each of the Quarterly Meetings to constitute a Standing Committee on Nominations to whom appointments shall be referred, care being taken not to choose those who served on the Nominating Committee last year.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

From Third Month 1st, 1895, to Third Month 1st, 1896.

	Statistics of Ministers, Elders and Associates.			Statistics of Membership.											Statistics of Children.						
	No. of Ministers.	No. of Elders.	No. of Associate Members.	No. of Members reported last year.	Error in last year's Report. — Gain.	Error in last year's Report. — Loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number of Members.	No. of Children between 4 and 12.	No. of Children between 12 and 21.	No. Attending School.	No. attending School taught or controlled by Friends.	No. between 12 and 21 attending School taught or controlled by Friends.	No. attend'g College.	No. attend'g Colleges controlled by Friends.
Rhode Island .	19	27	13	882	2	0	8	23	2	2	41	10	25	7	900	115	93	117	10	10	7	3
Salem	16	29	35	702	1	0	6	12	18	9	19	3	20	0	722	48	73	81	8	4	3	1
Sandwich . .	15	19	62	544	0	0	3	13	1	3	12	8	0	8	536	90	45	46	19	14	0	0
Falmouth . .	24	39	2	608	0	0	8	14	6	9	33	28	1	0	609	108	60	82	9	7	1	1
Smithfield . .	10	22	11	303	0	4	3	10	1	5	15	9	2	12	293	18	17	27	2	2	4	0
Vassalboro . .	16	48	20	465	0	0	8	4	3	2	2	3	13	9	469	45	38	47	18	12	1	0
Dover	6	17	13	189	0	0	2	4	0	0	1	7	0	8	181	11	14	23	7	7	0	0
Fairfield . . .	12	37	19	546	1	0	9	5	13	4	110	22	102	0	648	38	60	69	7	7	0	0
Parsonsfield .	6	6	7	149	0	0	1	4	0	2	4	4	0	5	144	27	16	25	6	2	0	0
	124	244	182	4388	4	4	48	89	44	36	237	94	163	49	4502	500	416	517	86	65	16	5

Names of Ministers (Deceased).	Date of Death.	Age in Years, or in what Year of his Age.	Monthly Meetings to which they belonged.
Thomas B. Buffum	Fifth Month 7th, 1895	82nd year	Rhode Island
Lydia A. Macomber	Third Month 1st, 1895	92nd "	Greenwich
Cynthia J. Earle	Eighth Month 3rd, 1895	65th "	Greenwich
Elizabeth Dillingham	Twelfth Month 31st, 1895	89th "	Sandwich
Charles M. Jones	Second Month 14th, 1896	52nd "	Falmouth
Names of Elders (Deceased).			
Mary E. Kenyon	Third Month 5th, 1895	57th year	Providence
Charles D. Kenyon	Fourth Month 8th, 1895	71st "	Providence
Anna T. Dennis	Tenth Month 10th, 1895	83rd "	Providence
Gideon Gifford	First Month 22nd, 1896	83rd "	Westport
S. Jane Cox	Seventh Month 17th, 1895	60th "	Falmouth
Maria B. Jones	Sixth Month 21st, 1895	87th "	Durham
Elizabeth H. Cook	Fourth Month 16th, 1896	62nd "	Windham
Maria Aldrich	Fourth Month 10th, 1895	75th "	Smithfield
Richard Battey	Sixth Month 23rd, 1895	86th "	Smithfield
John Barnes	Ninth Month 27th, 1895	78th "	Smithfield
Benjamin Fry	Ninth Month 25th, 1895	83rd "	China
Lydia E. Sawyer	Third Month 10th, 1896	60th "	Dover

SIXTH-DAY AFTERNOON, SIXTH MONTH 12TH.

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

10. Owen Dame, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing John Ellwood Paige for Clerk and Daniel C. Maxfield for Assistant Clerk of the Men's Meeting. Also, that they were united in proposing Alice W. Maxfield for Clerk, and Deborah P. Atherton for Assistant Clerk, of the Women's Meeting, which propositions, being duly considered, were fully united with, and the Friends named are appointed to the respective services for the ensuing year.

11. The following minute prepared by the Representatives has been fully approved, and the Clerk is directed to forward to Ruth S. Murray the portion of the same which relates to her, viz.:

"We recognize, with grateful appreciation, the faithful services and arduous labors of our Clerk, Timothy B. Hussey, for the past four years, now released at his own request. We also extend the loving sympathy of this Meeting to our dear sister Ruth S. Murray, Clerk of the Women's Meeting last year, now confined at home by illness. May the love of our Heavenly Father, whom she has faithfully served, comfort, uphold and sustain her."

12. The Representatives presented the names of the following Friends to constitute a Standing Committee on Nominations, viz.: Benjamin Green, Adeline F. Chace, Anna M. Gove, Olney T. Meader, William Thompson, Susan F. Hoxie, John J. Frye, Eliza B. Douglas, Henry D. Swift, Salome C. Wheeler, James M. Estes, Elizabeth K. Jones, Anna M. Hussey, William V. Ware, Jesse McPherson, Mary C. Hawkes, Silas H. Cartland, Emily K. Jones.

The nominations are approved and the appointments accordingly made.

13. The report of the Providence Boarding School Committee has been read. To this Meeting, made up largely of the Alumni of this institution, the yearly report of its work is always highly interesting. We are gratified with the increased appliances and accommodations.

We endorse every effort put forth to keep the school in pace with an ever developing and progressing system of education, which shall be in harmony with the godly purpose in which its corner-stone was laid.

REPORT OF THE PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee in charge of the Providence School present the Seventy-seventh Annual Report with the grateful acknowledgement that, as in the past, so in the present, the gracious care of our Heavenly Father has been abundantly manifest, so that we can report that the religious and educational progress and advancement of the school has continued, as in former years, to our great satisfaction. The religious meetings of the students have been constantly attended and participated in by the officers and the family in great unity of purpose, and with unusual success. The morning meetings on First and Fourth days have been constant seasons of blessing to the family.

There has been a large expenditure of money this year upon the heating, lighting and ventilation of the buildings, which has been desired for many years. The advantages of this improvement cannot be over-estimated. In the first place, one single fire in a remote power house takes the place of more than twenty fires in the buildings, each of which was liable to be the means of setting on fire the whole establishment. Second: The buildings have never heretofore been properly heated, and we have lost many children on that account, who would have come to us and were particularly desirable. Third: The electric light is the best for purposes of study when it is perfectly steady, as it is at the school. It relieves the premises also from another danger, by fire, in the disuse of friction matches all over the buildings. Fourth: Both gas and oil lamps vitiate the air, which is avoided by this improvement, Thus does this manner of lighting greatly aid the ventilation of the rooms throughout the house. But, by the addition of forced-air ventilation we have reached very nearly idea perfection in this matter, so far as known to the present generation. We are informed that at Friends' School the first room was lighted by illuminating gas in the City of Providence, and also that it was the first school to use the electric light, though our machinery was at first imperfect.

The general health of the school has been most excellent, with the exception of a few cases of measles, which were soon removed and the spread of the disease prevented.

The financial depression in the country is deeply felt at the school. The competition which exists in New England, between the public and private schools, is most intense, when money is not easily obtained and business is dull. It is a time when Friends, as far as possible, ought to be encouraged to support their denominational schools. They are noble endowments, which cannot live without patronage. If Friends know of parents who are in search of a school, they can render a great service by calling the attention of such parents to the schools of the Society, or the attention of the principals of the schools to such persons or parents.

The number of scholars for the year has been:

Boarders	135
Day Students	10
Day Art Students	21
Total	166

OFFICERS OF GOVERNMENT AND INSTRUCTION.

AUGUSTINE JONES, A. M., LL. B., Principal and Political Science.

GUY G. FURNELL, A. M., Governor, and English Studies, and Calisthenics for Boys.

EVELYN BARROWS, B. S., Preceptress and English Studies.

THOMAS J. BATTEY, A. M., Natural Science.

MARY E. RAWSON, Vocal and Instrumental Music.

SOPHIA L. PITMAN, Drawing and Painting.

WALTER S. MEADER, A. M., Higher Mathematics.

HORATIO B. KNOX, A. M., Greek and Latin.

CHARLES R. JACOB, A. B., Modern Languages.

HELEN L. THOMAS, A. B., History and Literature.

CHARLOTTE A. SLOCUM, English Studies.

LIZZIE M. PALMER, Primary Department.

ELIZA D. GARDINER, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.

ALLEN W. WEEKS, Mechanic Arts.

JOSEPH M. NORTON, English Studies.

ROBERT BONNER, Instrumental Music.

EDITH L. HILL, Calisthenics for Girls.

SIDNEY R. BURLEIGH, Special in Water Colors.

FRANK M. REED, Special in Mechanical Drawing.

JULES RUERAT, L. P., Conversation in French.

HANNAH G. RYDER, Secretary and Bookkeeper.

LAURA BUFFUM, Librarian.

LECTURER.

THOMAS J. BATTEY, A. M., Natural Science.

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the school, per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund, $75. Credit to a member of another Yearly Meeting by scholarship from the same fund, of $25. And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the School Committee, from the scholarship of the Charitable Fund, of $75. The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, or German, of $10; for one year's instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.

It is understood that no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made except when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one-half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk.*

PROVIDENCE, Fifth Month 26th, 1896.

NOTE.—The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 9th, 1896, and the Spring Term begins Second Month 3rd, 1897.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, Eighth Month 4th, 1896.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should be sure to apply at the time above stated, Eighth Month 4th, 1896.

Applications should be sent to the Principal, Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I

STATEMENT OF SETTLEMENT OF FRIENDS' SCHOOL ACCOUNTS, YEAR ENDING SEVENTH MONTH 1ST, 1895.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND:

RESOURCES.

Balance reported last year		$4,497 18
Board and Tuition		41,877 78
Charitable Fund Scholarships	$2,100 00	
Elizabeth Fry Fund "	1,500 00	
S. T. Olney " "	1,912 50	
E. Cattell " "	150 00	
P. J. Tripp " "	75 00	
General " "	5,145 00	
Students' Accounts	30,995 28	
Day School Tuition		583 93
Auxiliary Studies		2,991 37
Balance		2,642 67
		$52,592 93

EXPENDITURES.

North Building Improvement	$5,021 51	
Farm Building and Improvements	2,009 18	
Salary Account	17,026 50	
Wages	10,852 33	
Provisions	9,028 24	
Repairs and Renewals	3,607 34	
Fuel	1,459 65	
Light	788 82	
Water	438 59	
Advertising	843 90	
Library	297 33	
Papers and Periodicals	91 13	
Incidentals	250 03	
Debts considered bad	878 38	
		$52,592 93

ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
CHARLES SISSON, } *For the Auditors.*

REPORT OF THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

During the past year we have sold one lot of land, containing 7,150 square feet, which brought the net sum of $2,686.50. This amount was paid to the Treasurer of the Providence Friends' School Funds.

By direction of the Committee,

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Clerk.*

14. The Committee having charge of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute have presented their report.

We are gratified with the progress which has been made and wish to record our grateful appreciation of two generous contributions which have been made to increase its efficiency. The Clerks are directed to communicate to the donors our gratitude and thanks.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee entrusted with the care of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute have attended to that service, and thankfully report that through the blessing of Heaven upon their efforts, a very successful school year has been realized, and that the prospects of this Institution for usefulness in the future were never brighter than at present. The health of the school has been excellent, no sickness having occurred to interfere with the regular course of study. With an efficient corps of teachers, the several departments have been satisfactorily conducted, and the examinations furnished evidence of careful training and commendable progress. The moral and religious interest of the pupils have been prayerfully guarded and promoted; and, while less activity has been manifest than in some previous years, a healthy growth and development along spiritual lines have been apparent in the lives of many of the pupils, and nearly all of them have entered upon the Christian pathway.

We were especially interested in the graduating class of ten Christians. Several of the essays gave evidence of deep religious thought. While Oak Grove has, in common with similar institutions throughout our country, felt the business depression which prevails, and while the report of our treasurer is less satisfactory than in some previous years, it has been a year of great progress and development in increasing the value of the school property and the capacity of the school for usefulness, through the generosity of a few of its friends, whom the Lord has blessed with wealth and given them hearts to use a portion of it for the good of others.

An addition to the north wing of the school building, making it correspond in size and general appearance with the south wing, has been made. The extension is 18 x 40 feet, and the entire wing has been elevated one story. This addition has furnished fourteen dormitories, two class-rooms, two bath-rooms, a

boys' sitting room and a basement for storage. At a meeting of the Committee, held Eighth Month 22d, the following minute was placed upon our records:

"A unanimous and hearty vote of thanks was extended to our President, C. M. Bailey, for his generous gift to the school of a fine new addition to the north wing, which has cost about $5,000.00. When we consider the enhanced beauty and value of our school building, the large increase of accommodations, and the many ways in which the capacity of the school for usefulness has been increased, a vote of thanks but feebly expresses our appreciation of this princely gift."

It has been proved that the water supply was entirely inadequate to the needs of the school, and during the drought of last Autumn, steps were taken to remedy the defect. From the bottom of the old well, thirty-five feet in depth, an artesian well was bored, 204 feet, at an expense of $828.33. An iron tank, with a capacity of about 6000 gallons, was placed in the building, and it is believed that no further inconvenience will be realized from lack of water.

Twelve acres of land on the east line of the school property has been purchased at a cost of $125.00, $75.00 of which was raised by subscription.

A few rods from the school there stood, one year ago, an ancient Friends' Meeting House, in which was formerly held one of the largest meetings of Friends in New England. An eminent minister, once standing in its gallery, spoke of it as "the great emporium of Quakerism in the East!" The Meeting declined and the house was closed, except for occasional services. The house and grounds have been deeded to the trustees of the school property, and the ancient edifice has been transformed into an elegant modern chapel, at a cost of between six and seven thousand dollars. The work has been done under the direction and at the expense of our dear friend, Sophia D. Bailey, of Winthrop Centre. We trust that this beautiful structure, in connection with the school, may become a centre of religious influence in this part of the country, and that thus the purpose and prayer of the generous donor may be fully answered.

We are informed that in the will of our dear friend, S. Jane Cox, deceased, is a bequest to the school of $3,000.00; said money to remain in the hands of the executor, Henry Cox, for three years, and pay annual interest to the general expenses of the school, then to be paid to the trustees and added to the Sybil Jones' fund.

Two valuable members of our committee have been removed by death during the past year. Under date of Eighth Month 22d, appears the following minute upon our records: "At a roll-call this morning we were sadly reminded that since our last meeting one of our members has been called to the higher service beyond. Our dear sister, S. Jane Cox, whose loss we mourn, has been among the most useful members of this committee, manifesting in many ways her deep interest in Oak Grove School, and by the beauty of her Christian life she has won the esteem and love of her associates. We shall miss her presence and counsel, but are comforted by the thought that in the 'sweet by-and-by' we shall meet our sister again."

At a meeting of the committee, held Fifth Month 27th, it was directed that the following minute be recorded: "We miss from our circle one who has taken

an active part in the work of this committee, and who for several years served acceptably as its secretary. The form of Charles M. Jones now rests in the vineyard of the Friends' Mission at Ramallah, but he will long be remembered by those who enjoyed his friendship and were associated with him in Christian work."

In conclusion we commend the school, with its important interests, to the care of the Yearly Meeting.

Arrangements for the coming year as to officers of government and instruction are not yet perfected.

Communications may be addressed to Principal, Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, Vassalboro, Maine.

For the Committee,

CHARLES M. BAILEY, *President.*
I. WARREN HAWKES, *Secretary.*

MANCHESTER, MAINE, Sixth Month 9th, 1896.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

RECEIPTS.

By Balance from last year	$1,577 80	
Cash from Board and Tuition	6,397 60	
Interest on Endowment Fund	642 39	
Cash from Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer	50 00	
Cash from State Treasurer	800 00	
Cash from Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer	500 00	
Cash from Endowment Fund	1,000 00	
Rebate on Insurance	15 00	
Note due Endowment Fund	1,000 00	
Balance due from Herbert H. Goddard	299 36	
		$12,282 15

EXPENDITURES.

To Salary Account	$2,665 65	
Wages	846 29	
Repairs and Renewals	1,576 17	
Provisions	1,966 78	
Scholarship	471 00	
Taxes and Foreclosures	647 64	
Lights	95 15	
Fuel	789 69	
Mortgage	1,000 00	
Incidentals	240 83	
Premium on Insurance Policy	182 50	
Bills Payable	281 95	
		$10,763 65
Balance on hand		$1,518 50

JOSEPH E. BRIGGS, *Treasurer.*

15. The report of the Committee on Education has been read. The increased interest manifested from year to year in this highly important subject is an augury for good. The report is satisfactory to the Meeting. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends: — Your Committee on Education has during the past year endeavored to fulfill the purpose of its appointment. In addition to the public meeting in Portland in Sixth Month last, four educational conferences have been held during the year; one at Lynn, Mass., and one at Durham, Maine, both in the Eighth Month; one at North Sandwich, N. H., in the Eleventh Month, and one at the boarding school at Providence in the Second Month. At these conferences ten addresses were made by members of the committee and others, and more than five hundred people were given food for thought on this important subject. Members of the committee have also done considerable private work in encouraging young Friends to attend our boarding schools, rather than to be content to waste their time in schools where the advantages are in every way less excellent.

It has come to the knowledge of your committee, that there is in one of our Monthly Meetings a fund left for the support of a Monthly Meeting School. Such a school has, by changed conditions, been rendered unnecessary, and has not for many years been held. It is not unlikely that similar conditions exist elsewhere. In such instances care is necessary lest the funds set apart for education be diverted to other and less important purposes. In the judgment of the committee, Monthly Meetings should in such cases be encouraged to obtain permission from the courts to apply the funds to the payment of the expenses of deserving students at one of our boarding schools.

It is cause for regret that out of nine hundred persons under 21 years of age, our Yearly Meeting has but sixteen members who are attending college, and but five attending colleges controlled by Friends. It is to be earnestly hoped that our members will become not only more desirous to give their children a good training in secondary schools, but that a more general appreciation of the higher education may be awakened among us. Your committee is increasingly impressed with the importance of education to the successful advancement by the church of the cause of Christ. Nothing can of course be accomplished without the Divine impetus from above, but just as the waters of a stream may be deflected by an impassible barrier and made to flow in an opposite direction, so our inspiration flows in channels hewn out by our education, and usually in the direction in which that education has moved. The devout Romanist becomes a priest and administers sacraments, the enthusiastic Salvationist a shouting captain who marches to martial music, while the conscientious Friend, in obedience to the same impetus from on high, becomes a simple minister, who discards both the sacraments and the drum.

Never in all the history of the world were well-trained souls, sensitive to the touch of the Holy Spirit, more useful in spreading Christianity than now. Mysteries which have been veiled to humanity in all previous years are now being made known, and it is imperative that the power contained in a knowledge of these things should be utilized for Christ. If this is to be done, the Christian intellect must be alert and active. Ignorance produces sluggishness. The deposits of centuries of inherited prejudices make in the minds of the ignorant, crystalized strata through which the Spirit of God can, indeed, break, but through which He seldom does, and then only with unusual expenditure of power. Education tends to break up these deposits and to make the mind quick to perceive the truth, sensitive to its power, and better able to interpret in fruitful character and helpful deed the quickening impulse from God.

There is a necessity that efforts be made in some of our remote Meetings to impress on the minds of Friends these important facts, and to encourage all our members to make more efforts for the adequate education of their children, and we recommend that an appropriation of $200 be made for the cause of education during the coming year, that under the direction of the committee every Meeting may be visited and Friends encouraged in this important matter.

On behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE A. BARTON, *Chairman.*
ANNA F. HALL, *Secretary.*

Sixth Month 12th, 1896.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance from former account	$27 05
Contributions from eleven Monthly Meetings	32 84
	$59 89
Paid expenses of conferences	24 00
Amount on hand	$35 89

J. E. PAIGE, *Treasurer.*

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SEVENTH-DAY MORNING THE 13TH.

The meeting again convened.

16. It is directed that 2600 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting, including time and place of holding all our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, together with names of Correspondents, be printed and sent down to our subordinate Meetings. The Clerks are

authorized to attend to the same and Owen Dame and Daniel C. Maxfield are appointed to advise and assist them.

17. The epistle from London Yearly Meeting for 1895, also one issued by the same Meeting the present year, have been read, also the London General Epistle for 1896, all of which have been listened to with interest and profit. The Clerks are directed to issue a reprint of 1500 copies of the London General Epistle for distribution.

18. The Committee on Gospel Work have presented their report, showing much effective work accomplished; and we trust beyond what may be incorporated into any report there may be results and influences known only to Him who always honors all effort made in His name. We desire the encouragement of the Committee and we feel that such encouragement can be shown in no better way than by a thorough consecration of heart and life and means to the cause for which this Committee is laboring.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Gospel Work met immediately after appointment, to organize for the important service to which they had been called.

While bowed under an almost overwhelming sense of the greatness of the work and the weakness of the workers, we were reminded of the assurance given a weak and sorely tried people, "The battle is not yours, but God's." In giving our report for the year now past, although painfully conscious of failures and defeats, we humbly acknowledge that when we have followed our Leader, He has fought our battles, and we have stood still and seen the salvation of the Lord. We regret to report that less work has been accomplished in some fields this year than last, but we rejoice that in other directions doors long closed have been opened to the Lord's messengers. Even from the very meagre reports that have come to us from some of our Quarterly Meetings, we have abundant reason to say "This is the Lord's doing. It is marvellous in our eyes."

The following extracts from reports of the Superintendents show, as far as we are able, the work of the committee:

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. Phebe S. Aydelott, Superintendent. One series of meetings held at Saylesville. Six conversions and renewals. Ten families visited. Six meetings without continued service.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting. Henry F. Newell, Superintendent. Every meeting has been visited, mostly without continued service. Two series of meetings held:—At Lewiston, consisting of thirty-five meetings; at Durham, eighteen meetings. Conversions and renewals, seventy-five. Received into membership, twenty-nine.

We are glad also to report that the meeting rooms at Windham, Casco and Deering have been renovated and made inviting and convenient.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. Salome C. Wheeler, Superintendent. Number of meetings comprising the Quarterly Meeting, five. One member of Gospel Committee has attended the meeting at Worcester twice a month during the autumn and winter. Much valuable teaching has been given by Bible readings and instruction in Friends' principles. God has abundantly blessed the labors of our local workers. Fifteen persons have been received into membership, among whom one little girl of 7 years, who wrote her request to the Monthly Meeting in these words:—"I love Jesus and I want to be a little Friend. Please can I be taken into the Meeting?" The Church, the body of Christ, receives the little one in her arms and takes up the Master's word, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Salem Quarterly Meeting. Charles H. Thorndike, Superintendent. No series of meetings held during the year. The small meetings have been faithfully visited.

Pittsfield provided with one earnest worker who held meetings and visited families for six weeks. Another remained one week. The labors of both were greatly blessed to the strengthening of that Meeting.

A member of the Gospel Committee visited Henniker, No. Weare, So. Weare, twice each, Epping and Pittsfield once.

Superintendent has visited Pittsfield eight times, Epping once, Henniker twice, So. Weare twice.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. William P. Macomber, Superintendent. A series of meetings of one week's duration held at Allen's Neck, at which several professed to enter into a fuller experience of their privileges in Christ. Several who had lost their interest have renewed their covenant. The year past has witnessed much activity along the various lines of Gospel work. Meetings have been held, Bible readings given, all of intense interest and profit.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting. Jesse McPherson, Superintendent. Soon after our last Yearly Meeting, Gospel tent meetings were held at Hallowell, Winthrop and St. Albans, which were owned and blessed of God in the salvation of souls and establishing of believers. Later series of meetings were held at Hallowell, West Gardiner, Winthrop Center, Sydney and St. Albans. Series of meetings, eight. Number of meetings held, one hundred and seventy. Families visited, five hundred and thirty-eight. Conversions and renewals, three hundred. Number joining Friends, one hundred and sixteen.

Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting. Silas H. Cartland, Superintendent. Number of meetings in Quarterly Meeting, four. Extra meetings held, seventy-five. Family visits, one hundred and twenty. Four persons received into membership.

Dover Quarterly Meeting. Emeline H. Tuttle, Superintendent. All of our meetings have been visited, but with no continued service. Thirty families visited. One received into membership.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting. James M. Estes, Superintendent. Two series of meetings have been held during the year; at Maple Grove, consisting of eighteen meetings; at Unity, of twenty meetings. Thirty family visits. Eleven professed conversions and renewals. Meetings attended by committee without continued service, eight (8).

Our meetings have been greatly blessed by the labors of our members in their own Quarterly Meetings. As we note the growing interest and zeal of home workers, and the success that has crowned their efforts, we look out hopefully to the future. The committee recommend that the work be continued under the care of a similar committee. We ask that a sum not less than two thousand dollars be placed at the disposal of the committee in this most important work.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

Series of Meetings	15
Number of Meetings held	461
Family Visits	778
Bible Readings	8
Renewals and Conversions	392
Received into Membership	165

For the Committee,

HARRIETTE D. COLLINS, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

RECEIPTS.

By Balance from last year	$270 65
By Cash from Electa Jane Collins	25 00
By Cash from John S. Kimber	5 72
By Cash from John Ellwood Paige, Treasurer, Salem Monthly Meeting	93 55
By Cash from Augustus Davis, Treasurer, Amesbury Monthly Meeting	10 00
By Cash from Robt. P. Gifford, Treasurer, Providence Monthly Meeting	18 50
By Cash from Chas. A. Chace, Treasurer, Swansea Monthly Meeting	44 35
By Cash from L. S. Jones, Treasurer, Boston Monthly Meeting	60 80
By Cash from H. E. Babcock, Treasurer, Bolton Monthly Meeting	5 50
By Cash from F. H. Inman, Treasurer, Uxbridge Monthly Meeting	44 00
By Cash from Eva M. Babcock, Treasurer, Uxbridge Monthly Meeting	20 25

By Cash from Joseph Ewer, Treasurer, Sandwich, Mass. Monthly Meeting	5 00	
By Cash from Cornelius Turner, Treasurer, Sandwich, N. H. Monthly Meeting	4 00	
By Cash from Jesse Chandler, Treasurer, St. Albans' Monthly Meeting	2 65	
By Cash from W. H. Aldrich, Treasurer, Smithfield Monthly Meeting	14 10	
By Cash from Ezra Hawkes, Treasurer, Falmouth Monthly Meeting	5 50	
By Cash from Elwood A. Bailey, Treasurer, Winthrop Monthly Meeting	28 05	
By Cash from Lindley H. Osborne, Treasurer, Weare Monthly Meeting	51 00	
By Cash from James A. Gifford, Treasurer, Westport Monthly Meeting	20 00	
By Cash from Elizabeth S. W. Wood, Treasurer, Dartmouth Monthly Meeting	15 45	
By Cash from Henry Taber, Treasurer, Vassalboro Monthly Meeting	4 00	
By Cash from Joseph S. Anthony, Treasurer, Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	20 00	
By Cash from William A. Jones, Treasurer, China Monthly Meeting	6 00	
By Cash from Albert W. Holmes, Treasurer, New Bedford Monthly Meeting	15 00	
By Cash from Ezra Hawkes, Treasurer, Falmouth Monthly Meeting	2 00	
		$791 07

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid out	$561 10
Balance on hand	$229 97

JOSEPH E. BRIGGS, *Treasurer.*

19. The Nominating Committee have presented names for vacancies occurring on the Providence Boarding School Committee and its Real Estate Committee; also, for the Committee on Education, which nominations are approved and confirmed.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SEVENTH-DAY AFTERNOON.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

20. Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for Ireland; also from New York, Baltimore and Indiana Yearly Meetings were read.

21. The report of the Church Extension Board has been read, giving cheering evidence of good work done. We desire to encourage our membership to a hearty co-operation with the board in the prosecution of its work, both by sympathy and material aid.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Church Extension Board began its work at the opening of the present year by a meeting for organization, held in Portland, in Sixth Month last, when Benjamin F. Trueblood was appointed chairman; Thomas Wood, treasurer, and George L. Crosman, secretary; and the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Phebe S. Aydelott and D. Wheeler Swift, were appointed an Executive Committee to act for the Board between its meetings.

The Executive Committee has met, from time to time, to consider work which has opened to us, and a meeting of the full board was held in Tenth Month. Early in the year a circular letter was prepared, addressed to members of the Yearly Meeting, setting forth the work of the Board and appealing for financial means, with which to carry it on. These letters were sent by mail into every family in the Meeting, as far as possible, and to many individual members. As a result, the report of the Treasurer shows that contributions to the amount of $218 have been received. Financial assistance, which had been previously given the meeting at Meaderboro, N. H., has been continued during the present year. We have felt that the work accomplished there has been gratifying and warranted the effort expended.

Opportunity for work at No. Weare, N. H., has received consideration during the year; but, under conditions existing, it seemed impossible for the Board to do anything there to advantage at present.

An appeal from the meeting at Sidney, Maine, for assistance was given attention, and the sum of $80.74 has been contributed to the work there. We are informed that the Friends at Sidney have recently remodeled their meeting-house, and during the past year pastoral work has been done towards building up the meeting.

The Board has had the privilege of extending help, financial and otherwise, to the Friends at Lawrence, Mass., who, during the year have accomplished the completion and dedication of their new meeting-house, which is a credit to their energy and perseverance in the cause of church extension. We have also received encouraging reports from other localities, indicating that Meetings are in healthful and growing condition.

In acknowledgement of work done during the year in the cause of church extension, but by private munificence, we regard it proper to mention in this report the remodeling of the old meeting-house at Vassalboro, Maine, which has been closed for some years, into what is now one of the prettiest Friends' chapels in New England, it being the gift of Sophia D. Bailey of Winthrop, to Oak Grove Seminary. This new house enables the school to become an increasing religious influence in a community in which a once flourishing meeting has been laid down. We wish there were other Friends in the Yearly Meeting with purses and hearts large enough to open other old meeting-houses, and cause the gospel to be preached to communities suffering for the want of it.

GEORGE L. CROSMAN, *Secretary.*

THE CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received collections	$218 00
Expended	218 00

THOMAS WOOD, *Treasurer.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 14th, 1896.

22. The epistle from the Monthly Meeting at Ramallah has been read, bringing in itself unmistakable evidence of the efficiency of the work in that place.

23. The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions has been read and is of unusual interest. The Meeting has been solemnized as we have listened to the account of the removal of our dear Friend, Charles M. Jones. We may not doubt the wisdom of the purposes of our God. The silent eloquence of the grave in that Judean Vineyard may not be easily measured.

Our tenderest sympathy goes out to the late matron in her early widowhood. "As one whom His mother comforteth," may our tender Father in Heaven comfort her.

We feel a sense of thankfulness that our dear Friends, Timothy B. and Anna M. Hussey have so cheerfully offered to engage in the work of this mission, and we desire for them the protection and help of our Master in the assured belief that whatever the outcome, their reward will be sure. In that reward may this meeting have a part by its generous support.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In reviewing the events of the past year, the Committee feel that, of a truth, "God moves in a mysterious way." In the early part of the summer Charles M. Jones and his wife left for Ramallah, followed by our heartfelt prayers. They arrived safely at their destination and began their chosen work with skill and devotion. A blessing rested upon their work and all seemed to be prospering at the Mission, when both Superintendent and Matron were stricken with fever, and in a few weeks his earthly labors were over. "Lord, why is this?" was the question of many hearts, the loss to his friends and to the Mission was so great. But "God buries the workman and carries on his work," and his bereaved widow, as soon as her health was restored, endeavored, with her faithful helpers, to carry out his plans. She does not however feel able to continue at the Mission, and our friends, Timothy and Anna Hussey, in self-denying love, have consented to go again to Ramallah and take charge of the interests there, for the present. We trust some one, whose heart the Lord hath touched, will be found as a permanent caretaker of the work.

The Matron gives the following report of the condition of the Mission:

"I will now attempt to gather up a few notes from which the Secretary may be able to frame a report of our work at Ramallah, for the Yearly Meeting to be held next at Newport, R. I. The dark and heavy cloud which has gathered and burst over our heads, has, of course, had a depressing effect upon every line of the work; yet our Mission Workers have stood faithfully at the post of duty, and in the main the work has moved on prosperously. We acknowledge gratefully the unfailing help of our Heavenly Father, at times when no earthly assistance was of any avail.

"Of the Superintendent, who began with so much loving interest, the work intrusted to him by New England Yearly Meeting, and whose death touched so deeply the hearts of all the workers, I cannot speak at length, but will simply say that when God called him from this to a higher service, he entered it just as cheerfully, sweetly trusting that a wise Father had ordered all things well.

"A little more than a month after the death of Charles M. Jones, occurred that of Helaine Ostfan, one of the Training-Home pupils. She was fourteen years of age, a member of the first class, and much beloved by teachers and classmates. She died of typhoid fever, after an illness of just two weeks. We feel sure that she is safely sheltered in that land where sickness and sorrow are never permitted to enter. Although there are, at the present writing, some who still are sick, I am thankful to be able to report them all improving. The Training-Home has been thoroughly disinfected, the rooms newly whitened and great pains taken to remove all traces of sickness. At the beginning of the school year, Tenth Month 1st, 1895, there were in the Training-Home twenty-one girls, of these five were new scholars.

"Katie Gabriel still holds the position of head teacher, and one needs no better proof of her efficiency than to see the really excellent work accomplished by the young teachers who went out from her training last year. The pupils in the

Training-Home are instructed in both Arabic and English, while particular attention is given to the careful study of the Bible. They are also taught needlework, both useful and ornamental, and have regular and systematic training in each department of housework. They carry on among themselves a regularly organized Peace Meeting. It is conducted in perfect order. It was my privilege to attend it last Sabbath, in company with Hannah J. Bailey, World's Superintendent W. C. T. U. Department of Peace. We were both very much pleased with the easy manner in which the exercises were carried on, and feel sure that it must have its influences for good upon the children.

"At the beginning of this year two new day schools were opened, one in Ramallah and one in a village some miles distant, called Ain Areek. We have now in successful operation six village day schools. Of these one is at Saiybeh, one at Jiffneh, one at Ain Areek, and three in Ramallah. All of these in Ramallah are taught by the graduates of the Training Home. We have been pleased at every visit to find the work prospering in a measure exceeding what we could have expected. The children improve in cleanliness and order, and many of them learn rapidly. They will recite stories from the Bible, repeat whole Psalms, and sing their Arabic hymns very sweetly. The schools at Saiybeh and Jiffneh are taught by the same teachers as last year. The school at Ain Areek was opened at the earnest request of the people and they seem to appreciate its benefits. The teacher is a Ramallah girl and a former pupil, although not a graduate of the Training-Home. She has a real missionary spirit, and does not confine her work to her pupils wholly, but tries to uplift the parents as well. Some Moslem girls attend the school. The whole number of children thus coming under the influence of our teaching is two hundred. While some are very irregular in attendance, many really attend promptly, and make good advancement. The schools are under the constant supervision of Martha Nusr, who spares no pains to assist both teachers and scholars in every way possible.

"Our meetings are well attended.

"The Sabbath school also seems to be in a prosperous state. The children from the day schools come in large numbers and they pay excellent attention to the lessons. They have the Golden Text committed to memory, and often recite it in concert. The hymns are frequently selected with reference to the children, and they enter into the singing with spirit. Average attendance about eighty-five.

"The mothers' meetings are still kept up, as reported last year. They are held three times each week, sometimes at the home of Emily Aude, the Bible woman, and sometimes at the homes of the women. They bring with them their work, whatever it happens to be, and invariably bring the baby. The Bible is read and explained, hymns sung, and texts of Scripture committed. Often they eagerly ask questions, and talk over what has been told them. Sometimes the women from the Greek and Latin church drop in to the meetings, and so get a little taste of the real Gospel. The blessing of the Lord must attend this effort to reach the hearts of the down-trodden women of Ramallah.

"After watching for some weeks the interesting work of relieving the sick and suffering, as witnessed in our clinic, Charles M. Jones conceived the idea of making

the dispensary more convenient and attractive, and also of preparing a small hospital where important cases might have the direct attention of the doctor. He at once secured rooms and had them thoroughly renovated and prepared for this purpose. A neat little dispensary now opens to the street, while leading from it is the doctor's consulting room, where clinic is regularly held. Above are two rooms, where seven beds can be made up. Mattresses were prepared and bedding fitted up sufficient for the same, so that upon short notice the rooms might be ready for use. We have deemed it wise, however, to keep the hospital closed to the public until such time as the superintendent may think best to put it in active operation. The number of patients in clinic since the last report has been 3161. Patients visited outside, 1985. Number of cases treated for eye diseases, 2579. Number of villages visited by mission doctor, 43. Number of surgical operations, 367. The number of prescriptions written has been 4532. Days of clinic number 190.

"During the early winter we greatly enjoyed a visit from our beloved friends, Isaac Sharp and Dr. John Dixon, of London Yearly Meeting. Although their visit was necessarily short, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. They attended our meeting and Sabbath school, looking in upon our day schools and medical work, and were a real inspiration everywhere. We had also in the spring time a visit from our dear friend Hannah J. Bailey, of New England Yearly Meeting, accompanied by her niece, Theo. Edna Johnston. Coming as they did, at a time when all hearts were crushed with recent sorrow, theirs became a ministry of consolation. May God bless them for their words of comfort and their deeds of love.

"Hannah J. Bailey presented the Mission a fine new Blair camera and 72 plates. We trust that in the future our photographs may take a long step in advance.

"Every effort on the part of our late superintendent was made to procure from the Turkish Government permission to enlarge the Training Home, but up to the present writing no such firman has been granted.

"We thank our many friends in America for their contributions of ready made clothing and other necessary articles.

"We consider this a most important and interesting field for mission work, and in conclusion would quote the words of our Lord Jesus to His disciples: —

"'Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the Harvest that He may send forth laborers into His harvest."

In the interest of the work,

ELLEN M. JONES.

Fourth Month 25th, 1896.

On behalf of the Committee,

RUTH S. MURRAY, *Clerk.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND, *in account mith* WM. T. HUSSEY, *Treasurer.*

1895—1896. RECEIVED.

Interest from Permanent Fund in New Bedford Bank	$161 60
From Anna Conklin, through Mary M. Post	5 00
Susan F. Hoxie, for Emily Audi's work	65 00
Wm. Thompson, contribution received	15 15
Huldah Gifford, by Wm. Thompson	25 00
Margaret and Edmund Price	5 00
Susie Norris	5 00
Mrs. M. A. Bristol	2 00
Sophia E. Hubbard	5 00
Rev. R. P. Gibson	2 00
Friends in Estacado, Texas, through Hannah M. Baker	5 00
Jacob L. Moulder	5 00
Wm. Thompson, proceeds of lecture at Tamworth and Sandwich	7 00
Ellen Collins	20 00
Elizabeth M. Hawkes	5 00
Mrs. Chas. C. Wilbur	65 00
Contributions at Maryland Ridge	1 06
H. L. Collins	25
Susan M. Seabury	25 00
Mahlon P. Marshburn, Estacado, Texas	3 00
Miss H. Sherman, through Ruth S. Murray	5 00
Adeline L. F. Daniels	2 00
Emma C. Swift, for support of a bed in Hospital at Ramallah	50 00
Lucy M. Wood	5 00
Friend's Sewing Circle, Maple Grove, Me., by S. S. Harlow	5 00
Chas. C. Starbuck	4 00
Sarah Hussey	20 00
Mrs. E. C. Haworth, California, by M. Jones	2 00
Wm. Thompson	3 00
Isabella Stanley, by L. M. Stanley	5 00
Carrie Smith, for a day scholar (one year)	5 00
Carrie Smith, Education of Helanie Hanna	5 00
Martha C. Swan and Sisters	50 00
Martha C. Swan, Mite Box	5 00
Samuel Miles	5 00
Mary E. Taylor	36 76
Helen M. Aldrich, by Mary M. Post	5 00
Amount carried forward,	$639 82

Amount brought forward,		$639 82
From Emma Wingate, by Ellen M. Jones		5 00
J. E. Eves, for Anna and Lillian		1 00
Class of little Girls, through Carrie Smith		2 00
Allen's Neck Bible School, by Lillie S. Gifford		9 50
Woonsocket Bible School, by E. T. Read		65 00
Edgebrooke, N. J., Bible School, by R. E. Allinson		5 00
Gonic Bible School, by D. F. Jenness		42 50
Manhattan Chapel School, by Mary M. Post		10 00
Smith's Neck Bible School, by Olive D. Howland		4 00
S. M. Seabury's Bible Class, by Helen M. Seabury		5 00
New Bedford Bible School, by Classes of Mary and Helen Seabury, Gertrude Smith and Della Butler		5 00
Bolton Bible School, by Alfred Dow		9 40
Sarah J. Swift, for support of a bed in Hospital—contributed as follows: —		
Bolton Bible School	$11 00	
Worcester Bible School	14 50	
Friends at Woonsocket	14 50	
Christmas Collection	10 00	
		50 00
New York and Brooklyn Christian Endeavor Society, by Aletta B. W. Lawrence, Treas.		150 00
Acushnet Bible School, by Adelaide V. Wilbur		5 00
Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, Jos. S. Anthony, Treasurer		16 00
Swansea Monthly Meeting, C. A. Chace, Treas.		76 50
Providence Monthly Meeting, Robt. P. Gifford, Treas.		92 00
Salem Monthly Meeting, J. Ellwood Paige, Treas.		118 75
Amesbury Monthly Meeting, J. Augustus Davis, Treas.		7 25
Weare Monthly Meeting, Lindley H. Osborne, Treas.		20 50
Boston Monthly Meeting, L. S. Jones, Treas.		88 98
Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Joseph Ewer, Treas.		30 00
Westport Monthly Meeting, Jas. A. Gifford, Treas.		15 00
Falmouth Monthly Meeting, Ezra Hawkes, Treas.		2 50
Smithfield Monthly Meeting, W. H. Aldrich, Treas.		19 00
Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, E. M. Babcock, Treas.		116 25
Bolton Monthly Meeting, H. E. Babcock, Treas.		18 37
Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, Henry Taber, Treas.		10 25
Berwick Monthly Meeting, Samuel Buffum, Treas.		20 00
Parsonsfield Monthly Meeting, Jas. Cartland, Treas.		5 00
Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, Elizabeth S. H. Wood, Treas.		7 00
Greenwich Monthly Meeting, Chas. W. Earle, Treas.		21 50
China Monthly Meeting, Wm. A. Jones, Treas.		5 00
St. Albans Monthly Meeting, J. W. Chandler, Treas.		1 50
Winthrop Monthly Meeting, E. A. Bailey, Treas.		11 50
Amount carried forward,		$1,711 07

Amount brought forward,	$1,711 07
From Two Baptist Ladies	10 00
Martha Greaves, by Hannah J. Bailey	10 00
Phebe W. Sawtelle	3 00
Martha Greaves	10 00
Anna Estes, "Margie's Mite Box"	1 00
W. F. M. S. of New England, Susan H. Meader, Treas.	1,300 00
Manchester Juvenile Band, by Susan H. Meader	5 00
Eunice A. Green, by Susan H. Meader	5 00
Lynn Bible School, by Susan H. Meader	5 00
Portland Auxiliary, by Susan H. Meader	5 00
North Berwick "Willing Workers," by Susan H. Meader	5 00
New York W. F. M. S., Mary L. Chase, Treas.	10 00
Indiana W. F. M. S., Anna M. Roberts, Treas.	10 00
Purchase Quarterly Meeting, W. F. M. S. Lydia A. Griffen, Treas.	150 00
Baltimore Foreign Mission Committee, Katherine M. Brevett, Treas., for Jiffneh School	140 00
Philadelphia W. F. M. S., Ellen W. Longstreth, Treas., through Haverford branch for bed in Hospital, $50; and Medicine, $40	90 00
Total amount received from all subscriptions	$3,470 07
Received from Strafford Bank—balance from last year	$387 59
Amounts borrowed from "Building Fund" to meet deficiency in Subscriptions, as follows: —	
From Building Fund in Strafford Bank $414 63	
From Building Fund in York County Bank 300 00	
From Interest on Building Investment 350 00	
	1,064 63
	$4,922 29

1895			EXPENDED.	
6th	Mo.	25.	Paid Chas. M. Jones and wife, on salary	$300 00
7th	"	5.	Chas. M. Jones, for two tickets to Port Said	280 00
"	"	8.	for 500 Government Envelopes and Postage Stamps	16 00
"	"	20.	Edwards & Walker, for Tools sent to Palestine	22 46
"	"	23.	for London Draft for Mission £100 sterling	490 25
10th	"	2.	for London Draft sent the Mission, £100 sterling.	489 00
"	"	24.	for London Draft sent the Mission, £100 sterling.	488 50
11th	"	8.	Geo. C. Herbert, for 2000 letter heads and express	10 25
"	"	29.	American Friend, for half-tone Plates and Papers	12 36
"	"	29.	for Postage Stamps	3 00
12th	"	20.	for London Draft, sent Mission at Ramallah, £100	489 00
"	"	20.	Mary Rhoads Garrett, for Mission Pamphlets	5 00
1st	"	10.	Review of Reviews, sent to Ramallah	3 50
"	"	14.	Kendall & Whitney, for Garden Seeds sent to Ramallah	1 18
			Amount carried forward,	$2,610 50

			Amount brought forward,	$2,610 50
2d	Mo.	20.	for Postage Stamps	6 00
"	"	24.	Cablegrams and Telegrams	7 15
3d	"	9.	Cablegrams	4 70
"	"	9.	London Draft (made to credit Lyonnais) for Mission	732 75
"	"	18.	C. E. Jackson, for copying Photos of Jiffneh School	1 31
"	"	31.	Two Cablegrams	6 58
4th	"	3.	for six blank Letter Files	3 24
"	"	10.	B. B. Hill, for Letter-press Blotter Pads	1 20
"	"	20.	Hall L. Davis, for Blank Books	10 82
"	"	23.	London Draft, made to credit Lyonnais Bank for Mission	733 12
5th	"	11.	C. Goodwin, Architect, for Plans	12 00
"	"	11.	A. P. Drew, for Mission Photographs	6 00
"	"	11.	Calvin W. Pritchard, for Quarterlies, etc., for Mission	3 92
"	"	19.	Hospital Expenses, through H. J. Bailey (from M. Greaves)	10 00
"	"	20.	for two tickets to Port Said, for T. B. Hussey and wife	280 00
"	"	26.	Hall L. Davis, for Copy Press	4 00
6th	"	5.	for London Draft, made to credit Lyonnais for Mission	489 00
				$4,922 29

Examined vouchers and found correct,

R. P. GIFFORD, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF MISSION FUNDS IN HANDS OF WM. T. HUSSEY, TREASURER.

In New Bedford Five Cent Savings Bank, Permanent Fund		$2,000 00
In Strafford Savings Bank, Building Fund	$2,934 65	
One Note on Interest at 5 per cent., and secured by collateral	4,000 00	
One Note on Interest at 5 per cent., and secured by collateral	1,500 00	
Total Amount Building and Permanent Fund		8,434 65
		$10,434 65

WM. T. HUSSEY, *Treasurer.*

24. The report of the Committee on Western Indians has been read. It is a cause of much satisfaction to us that it has been fully demonstrated that the the civilization of the Indian is more than a possibility. The report is satisfactory. The recommendation for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The work of the Associated Executive Committee has continued on the same lines as last year.

In consequence of the prolonged absence of its Chairman, Edward M. Wistar, in Armenia, it was thought advisable to omit the annual meeting.

Sixteen recognized ministers of the Gospel, with their families, have been engaged in the work during the past year, ten of whom are now in the field.

Five meetings, formerly reported by us, have been transferred to the care of Kansas Yearly Meeting. These meetings were largely composed of whites. We have now five Monthly Meetings included in one report, viz.: Grand River, Blue Jacket, Skiatook, Shawneetown and Iowa. Twenty-seven meetings for worship are embraced within these Monthly Meetings, with a membership of 1,209, of which 475 are Indians.

George and Ella Hartley reside at Shawneetown, and superintend the work under the care of the Associated Executive Committee. The meeting here numbers fifty Indians and seventy-three whites. The children of the Government Boarding School, now numbering one hundred and eight, attend regularly, which gives importance to the work here. Reports from the field are received every month by the Committee from each Yearly Meeting. In this way we are brought, though widely separated from the work, into close touch and sympathy with our Indian friends, and with those who have the care of our several stations.

The Mission at the Ottawas has been under the care of William and Abbie Haworth since last Tenth month, when Robert Hodson and wife resigned. This meeting has 143 members, 57 of whom are Indians. The average attendance on first days has been 113, and at mid-week meetings 43. A Christian Endeavor Society has been sustained with much interest and profit. A meeting once a week is held with the children in the Quapaw Government School. Meetings at Peoria and Longs are also attended by Wm. P. Haworth and wife. From letters received from these missionaries, we find they have taken special care to visit the Indians within their territory at their homes, where they find great destitution as to the necessaries of life and little or no furniture in their homes; more attention as a whole is paid to the cultivation of their land, and the proceeds from it are largely used for further improvements. Indians differ in regard to their general capabilities, much the same as whites.

The Modocs have Elwood and Amy Cook residing among them. These missionaries have entered into the work with much interest and satisfaction to the Indians. Samuel Clinton, a Modoc, and a recorded minister, exercises his gift to the edification of the Meeting.

There has been an increase of attendance on the part of the Indian members at the Wyandotte Meeting. Friends do not own a meeting house here, but are allowed the privilege of the Methodist house, when not in use, for their meetings.

Work among the Senecas is progressing. Smith Nichols, an Indian, continues faithful among his people, often reminding them of their early experience when bows and arrows were placed in their hands and they went out to hunt for game

without ever thinking of weariness or hunger until the game was caught and night came, thus stimulating them to greater diligence in the Lord's work. Something has been contributed towards the construction of a meeting house where Smith Nichols' labors have been blessed. Lucy Winney, also a Seneca Indian, has conducted a Bible School successfully, near her home, with an average attendance of 25. The Skiatook Meeting has 34 members. The present enrollment of the Boarding School is 88, three-fourths of whom are Indians. The comfort and convenience of the large family has been greatly increased by the erection of a substantial addition to their buildings. There are about 330 Indians within a radius of ten miles from this centre. The Kickapoo work will be reported by the the W. F. M. Society. The Iowa Indians who, a few years ago were located at the Iowa Mission, now number 75. They have been restless and dissatisfied since their removal to their allotted land, 20 miles north of the old Mission. Several of them have planted crops this season, and promise to settle down and improve their lands. A meeting-house and a dwelling house will soon be built near their allotments.

Thirty-eight meetings have been held with them the past year with an average attendance of fifty-two. In one of Charles E. Pearson's letters, we find the following: "Arrived at the Iowa settlement late Seventh-day evening, and commenced visiting families early First-day morning, reading the Scriptures and praying with them as opportunity offered The meeting in the afternoon held until night, all the Indians were present. Spent the night with Joseph Amblers, an Indian. In the morning breakfast was served for us on a small table spread with a clean cloth, while theirs was served on the dirt floor as is the custom. After we were well seated they asked me to return thanks for both tables."

Besides the regular services of our Missionaries, thirteen series of meetings have been held, resulting in seventy-one professed conversions. Nine thousand four hundred and sixty-eight miles have been travelled in the work. The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings, is $4,000. We recommend that $525 be appropriated for the use of the Executive Committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

MYRA E. FRYE, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS, 1895 AND 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year		$58 62
Received from Monthly Meetings as follows:		
Amesbury	$6 00	
Berwick	5 00	
Boston	30 55	
Bolton	1 55	
China	1 50	

Dartmouth	$5 00	
Fairfield	5 00	
Falmouth, Me.	11 75	
Greenwich	7 00	
New Bedford	45 10	
Providence	39 00	
Rhode Island	20 00	
Sandwich, Mass.	39 25	
Sandwich, N. H.	3 00	
Swansea	21 20	
Salem	85 30	
Smithfield	17 85	
Uxbridge	80 00	
Vassalboro	65	
Westport	12 00	
Weare	10 50	
Winthrop	7 00	
Total from Monthly Meetings		454 20
Received from Dover Bible School		10 00
" Lynn Bible School		10 00
" Manchester, Me., Bible School		7 30
" Worcester Bible School		10 00
" Saylesville Bible School		2 00
" Pittsfield Christian Endeavor Society		1 00
" Saylesville Christian Endeavor Society		2 00
" Saylesville Junior Christian Endeavor Society		1 00
" Electa J. Collins		25 00
		$581 12

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Support of Robert W. Hodson, Indian Territory	$84 00	
" Wm. P. Haworth, Indian Territory	168 00	
" John M. Watson, Skiatook Mission	100 00	
Paid Amount Due Associated Executive Committee for 1895	75 00	
" " " 1896	75 00	
Total Payments		$502 00
Balance on Hand for Coming Year		$79 12

SAMUEL BUFFUM, *Treasurer*,

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 13th, 1896.

25. The Nominating Committee presented names of a Committee on Correspondence.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, Second-day morning 15th.

SECOND-DAY, MORNING 15TH.

Met at the hour appointed.

Epistles from our Friends in Canada, Western, Wilmington, Kansas, Oregon and California Yearly Meetings have been read.

26. The report of the Committee on the suppression of the liquor traffic was read, showing diligence in their work in the face of discouragement, apathy and opposition. We trust that our Society may be true to its principles and its history, and become stronger and stronger in its efforts for order, sobriety and good government.

27. The Committee on Finance, through its Secretary, presented its report, which is satisfactory.

We are confirmed in our belief that the method adopted for raising funds for church work is the right one. We wish to impress upon our membership the thought that the silver and gold are His and that we be sure that in the matter of finance there be not a withholding of more than is meet.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING: —

The primary object of this plan of raising money is to bring Christians to see that divine ownership and human stewardship must be the recognized rule of life, in order that the Church may accomplish aggressive work for Christ. Each year shows an advance in the hearts of individual members in this direction, and the custom of systematic and proportionate giving is being more generally adopted by them, still there are whole meetings which have not shown co-operation. The contributions of Boston, Westport and Uxbridge Monthly Meetings have exceeded their quotas. It is to be regretted that Durham, South Kingstown, Dover, Windham, Lewiston, Maple Grove and Unity have sent forward nothing for the philanthropic work of the Yearly Meeting during the year. Your committee herewith presents the plan revised in a more simple form, while not changing its working principle, and recommend that it be printed in the minutes of this meeting with this report, and that a sufficient number of slips be issued to supply our membership.

The following is the tabulated statement: —

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE SEVERAL MONTHLY MEETINGS TOWARDS THE BENEVOLENT WORK CARRIED ON BY THE YEARLY MEETING.

Monthly Meetings.	Gospel Work.	Foreign Missions.	Western Indians.	Freedmen.	Bible School Work.	Temperance.	Education.	Peace.	Total Collections.	Amount Called For.
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.										
Rhode Island	$20 00	$16 00	$20 00	$9 81	$6 00	$5 00	$5 00	$5 00	$86 81	$550 55
Greenwich	....	21 50	7 00	7 50	11 50	....	...	...	47 50	78 65
Swansea	44 35	66 50	21 20	13 10	6 00	5 92	...	2 42	159 49	440 44
Providence	18 50	92 00	39 00	31 00	6 00	15 00	3 00	5 50	210 00	440 44
S. Kingstown	....	....	....	....	...	....	...	...	....	62 92
									$503 80	
Salem Quarterly Meeting.										
Salem	$93 55	$93 75	$85 30	$35 05	$16 83	$21 88	$6 70	$10 00	$363 06	$682 11
Amesbury	10 00	7 25	6 00	2 75	4 25	6 00	1 00	5 00	42 25	257 40
Weare	51 00	20 50	10 50	....	7 50	10 50	...	11 00	111 00	218 79
Boston	60 80	65 54	30 55	17 70	5 62	6 51	2 46	7 38	196 56	128 70
									$712 87	
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.										
Sandwich, Ms.	$5 00	$30 00	$39 25	$5 00	...	$1 25	...	...	$80 50	$214 50
Dartmouth	15 45	7 00	5 00	1 00	$1 00	3 15	$1 70	$1 00	35 30	143 00
Westport	20 00	15 00	12 00	12 45	7 00	7 00	4 00	10 00	87 45	85 80
New Bedford	15 00	25 50	45 10	10 50	3 00	2 50	1 25	1 25	104 10	986 70
									$307 35	
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting.										
Falmouth	$7 50	....	$11 75	$3 00	...	....	$1 73	...	$23 98	$267 41
Durham	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	...	....	151 93¾
Windham	....	....	....	....	...	....	...	...	....	127 62½
Lewiston	....	....	....	....	...	....	...	...	....	60 77½
									$23 98	
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.										
Smithfield	$14 10	$19 00	$17 85	$1 30	$1 20	$3 00	...	$1 55	$58 00	$188 76
Uxbridge	64 25	116 50	80 00	30 25	8 55	8 50	$4 00	6 00	318 05	193 05
Bolton	5 50	12 90	1 55	1 75	...	....	...	...	21 70	47 19
									$397 75	
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting										
Vassalboro	$4 00	$10 25	$ 65	$ 60	$ 50	$1 00	...	...	$17 00	$196 62½
China	6 0	5 00	1 50	....	...	....	...	...	12 50	137 61¾
Unity	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	...	....	58 98¾
Maple Grove	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	...	....	....
									$29 50	
Dover Quarterly Meeting.										
Dover	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	$243 00
Berwick	....	$20 00	$5 00	....	...	....	...	$10 00	$35 00	162 00
									$35 00	

FAIRFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.

Sidney . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	$1 55	. . . .	. . .	. . .	$1 55	$171 60
Winthrop . .	$28 05	$24 06	$12 00	$4 00	5 25	$25 00	$2 00	$4 00	104 36	643 50
St. Albans .	2 65	1 50	. . . .	. . . .	. . .	1 75	. . .	. . .	5 90	42 90
									$111 81	

PARSONSFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.

Sandw'h, NH.	$4 00	. . . .	$3 00	. . . .	. . .	. . . .	. . .	. . .	$7 00	$47 66⅔
Parsonsfield .	. . . .	$5 00	. . . .	. . . .	$4 00	. . . .	. . .	. . .	9 00	95 33⅓
									$16 00	
Totals . .	$489 70	$674 75	$454 20	$186 76	$95 75	$123 96	$32 84	$80 10	$2,138 06	$7,150 00
Last year . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . .	. . . .	. . .	. . .	$2,332 11	

For the Finance Committee,

P. S. AYDELOTT, *Secretary.*

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 15th, 1896.

A PLAN FOR CHRISTIAN GIVING.

The necessity of system in Christian giving is very generally recognized, and has its warrant in the words of Scripture: "Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come." (1 Cor. 16: 2). "The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." (Lev. 37: 32). "Unto whomsoever much is given of him shall be much required." (Luke 12: 48).

Many may be sharers of blessings they have never before known, if obedient to the Gospel teaching, "Let each man *do* according as he hath purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9: 7). The Mosaic standard of tithes and offerings received a new impulse in the early Christian Church, when brought under the power of that sacrifice which was the offering of Himself once for all.

1st. *Duties of Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance.*—The Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance, composed of one man and one woman from each Quarterly Meeting, with the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting as member *ex-officio*, shall organize by the appointment of one of its members as Financial Secretary. It shall issue as early as the first of the seventh month of each year a general Circular Letter, containing a statement of the several amounts necessary to be raised for Yearly Meeting expenses (including obligations which may have been assumed), and also for philanthropic work under its care, the latter amounts having been specified by the respective standing committees in their annual reports to the Yearly Meeting. This Circular Letter shall embody such other items of interest and advice relating to finances as may have claimed the attention of the Yearly Meeting, with directions about the use of the envelopes as may seem to be required. It shall contain suitable blanks in which to enter an estimate of Monthly and Preparative meeting expenses, with the apportionment to individual members. The following form is recommended: —

The amount which . . . . . Monthly Meeting has directed to be raised to meet expenses the ensuing year, including its quota of Yearly and Quarterly stock, is $ . . . .

Quota of the above amount for . . . . Preparative Meeting . . $ . . .
Current expenses for . . . . . Preparative Meeting . . . . $ . . .
Total . . . . . $ . . .
Thy proportion of the above amount is about . . . . per month.
. . . . . , *Treasurer.*

This committee shall prepare suitable books of entry for the use of Monthly and Preparative Meetings, and shall have envelopes printed to correspond with the objects for which money is needed. They shall strive to promote an interest in the work, and a healthful spirit of giving among the members of their respective Quarterly Meetings.

It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to maintain a correspondence with the Treasurers of Monthly Meetings, and also with the Treasurers of the several standing committees, who are receiving offerings through the envelopes, and forward to the Monthly Meetings, as often as may seem best, a statement of the financial condition of each object for which funds are desired, with any need that may exist.

2d. *Duties of Monthly Meetings and their Finance Committees.*—Monthly Meetings shall annually appoint three Friends from each of their Preparative Meetings, one of whom shall be the treasurer of that Preparative Meeting, and these, with the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting as member *ex-officio*, shall constitute the Monthly Meeting's Committee on Finance. It is recommended that the financial year in each Monthly Meeting begin in the Autumn, in order that the information and advices from the Yearly Meeting may be duly received through the Quarterly Meeting. The Finance Committee shall duly fill the blank spaces in the Circular Letter intended for estimates of all meeting expenses, and apportion to individual members the amounts considered necessary to meet such expenses. This committee shall distribute to each member, both male and female, who may be expected to aid the work of the church, envelopes for monthly offerings, properly numbered, and with the envelopes shall be given a copy of the Circular Letter, after the proper blanks have been filled.

Directly after the first Sabbath in the Ninth, Twelfth, Third and Sixth Months of each year, the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting shall forward to the several treasurers of the Yearly Meeting's standing committees all free-will offerings intended for the work entrusted to them, and shall also report the same with other accounts annually to the Monthly Meeting.

3d. *Duties of Preparative Meetings and their Treasurers.*—When a Monthly Meeting consists of more than one Preparative Meeting, each of such Preparative Meetings is advised to appoint a treasurer to have charge of its receipts and disbursements. This treasurer shall make a list in the book of entry, furnished him by the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting, of all members of the Meeting who may be expected to contribute, and assign to each a number, except when members of one family prefer to be indexed under one number, when he may adapt his record to their choice. As the envelopes are returned to the

treasurer, he shall enter the items in the cash book, stating the number of the envelope and name of month when payment is made, with the respective amounts, in the proper columns. He shall forward quarterly all free-will offerings to the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting. Contributions for local expenses shall remain in his hands to be paid as the Preparative Meeting may require.

4th. *Duties of Individual Members.*—Each member, who is able to do so, is desired to enclose in the envelopes, monthly contributions toward "Meeting Expenses," as apportioned by the Finance Committee; but, if preferred, the amount may be paid proportionately, semi-annually or annually. He is also earnestly entreated to contribute free-will offerings for the philanthropic work carried on by the Yearly Meeting, and named in the Circular Letter, as may be consistent with his duty to God, as a steward of the property entrusted to him, being careful always to give an honest reply to the query, "How much owest thou unto my Lord?" If the donor has no choice how his offerings shall be appropriated, the amount may be placed against the item, "General Fund," and the Finance Committee of the Monthly Meeting will distribute it among the objects named, as in its judgment seems best. The item, "Meeting Expenses," on the envelopes includes the expenses of both the Preparative and the Monthly Meetings. The item, "General Fund," covers all objects named on the envelopes, except "Meeting Expenses."

28. The Nominating Committee have presented names for vacancies occurring on the following Committees, viz: Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, Foreign Missions, Western Indians, Church Extension, all of which nominations this Meeting confirms.

29. The Nominating Committee is instructed to present names of Friends for a Committee on Gospel Work, as follows, viz: Seven for one year, seven for two years, and seven for three years. The Committee to effect its own organization.

30. We appoint Alice W. Hawkes to fill a vacancy which has occurred on the Nominating Committee, and the Representatives are authorized to fill any vacancy which may hereafter occur on said Nominating Committee.

Adjourned at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

SECOND-DAY AFTERNOON.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

31. We appoint Owen Dame, Barker Newhall, Charles H. Jones, Elizabeth Gifford, and Elizabeth T. Larkin, a Committee to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries and present them to our next sitting.

32. The Committee on Bible Schools presented their report, which has been listened to with interest, and we are made thankful

that this department of work, holding so important a place in church activities, is receiving the devoted attention of so large a part of our membership.

REPORT OF BIBLE SCHOOLS.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

"And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself."

If the Great Teacher taught His disciples from all the Scriptures, it is the best endorsement we can have of our text book. If He taught them of Himself, the teacher of to-day can have no higher aspiration than the power to make his scholars see Jesus in the written Word.

The spiritual and practical in Sabbath School work must be combined, if we would have completeness in teaching. People must be drawn to the place of teaching before they can be taught; hence we must consider methods. To-day so much literature is printed with suggestions and ways of working, that no school is obliged to work in one prescribed way.

In presenting the reports of the Bible Schools in this Yearly Meeting, we can only touch upon the work that has been done. But as the reports have come to your Superintendent, they have told of loyalty, courage and sincere interest. Is it not inspiring to know that we have in our midst, though advanced in years, those who are still making an effort to gather a class for the study of the Word?

We have fifty-eight schools, with a membership of 3,257. These schools have collected $1,292.30; of this amount $535.80 has been used for missionary purposes.

Home Department.—One school reports that they have taken up the work this year, making five schools engaged in this work, and the Superintendent writes: "A grand thing for country schools. We do not know what the result will be, if we can induce people in their homes to become more familiar with the Word."

Primary Department.—More attention should be given to this department. We have 443 children under our care in this grade. There are so many bright things to attract the children that it seems as if we might use some of them to gather the little ones into our schools. I fear but a few of our schools have separate rooms for the children. Won't you remedy this evil as rapidly as possible? Children like to repeat in concert, to have an exercise all their own, which cannot be done successfully in a room occupied by others. The children are the hope and the inspiration of the church. Let us do what we can to gather them in.

There are 543 boys and girls in the Intermediate Grade, and what applies in some respects to the Primary applies to the Intermediate Department.

Conferences.—We have not held a Yearly Meeting Conference for several years. I think if we could hold one somewhere within the limits of Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, it would be a great benefit to these schools.

Conferences have been held within the limits of Rhode Island, Salem, Sandwich and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings.

Visitation.—The Superintendent of Falmouth Quarter has visited all but one of the schools within the limits of that Meeting. The Superintendent of Salem

Quarter has also been faithful in this respect. The other Superintendents have visited some of the schools, as they have had opportunity.

It seems to your Superintendent that the Quarterly Meetings should do as Salem Quarterly Meeting has done, viz.: Appoint as Superintendent a person who can and will visit the schools, and communicate with the Yearly Meeting Superintendent; or that we should put a person into the field who shall spend all his time and energies in visiting and building up the work. Our needs are many and they are great.

Record Books.—These have been sent to all the schools for the year. While most of the schools have improved in keeping the records, they have not reached that perfection which is desirable.

Library Books.—There are several publishing houses which send out lists of books prepared for the Sabbath Schools, from which local committees may make selections suitable for their schools. "Six Generations of Friends in Ireland," and "Our Southern Heroes," are the titles of two books which have been added to some of our libraries. They give a very good idea to our young people of what the principle of Peace meant to the members of our Society.

It is estimated that there are about eleven and a half million children in this country between five and twenty years of age, who are not in any Sabbath School. Are we doing all that we can to gather some of these children into our schools? Think you any of these homeless ones (as far as the church is concerned) can be found in localities where we reside? God help us to so use the strength and power that He gives to us, that people may be brought to the knowledge of Jesus Christ and His Word. And so help them that they can say:

"If all the search-lights of to-day
Flash down the historic ages,
No greater glory will be found
Than in the Bible pages.
Brave heroes of the past stand forth,
Each one some sin conceding:
But see the keen, white light of truth,
Our sinless Christ revealing.

He stands in majesty divine,
Within His face a glory
That dims the search-light's piercing rays
And proves his life's grand story;
A life of toil, and pain, and woe,
And kind deeds freely given.
What sacrifice was like to that
Which bought our right to heaven?

Shall doubt or sin hide from our sight
His face so pure and tender?
Shall earthly pride keep back the heart
We should to Him surrender?
Take Christ to-day: the highest, best,
In all earth's wondrous story:
He lived, He died, He rose again,
And lives to-day in glory."

For the Committee,

MARY L. CHACE, *Superintendent.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month, 1896.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Quarterly Meeting.	Location of School.	Local Superintendent's Name and Address.	Monthly Meeting.	Membership of School.	Average Attendance.	No. of Friends.	No. of Classes.	Is Religious Interest Increasing?	Are Teacher's Meetings Held?	Volumes in Library.	Books Added through Year.	Lesson Helps Used.	Kinds of Papers Used.	Temperance Lessons.	Peace Lessons.	Is Children's Day Observed?	Amount of Collection.	Months of School.
Rhode Island.	Portsmouth	John B. Cornell, Portsmouth, R. I.	Rhode Island	56	26 1/8	34	5		No		40	B	2	4		No	$16 13	4
	Newport	Josiah Albro, 48 Elm Street	Rhode Island	70	34	18	6		No	212	6	D, H, I	2	3	1	No	56 09	12
	Saylesville	Joseph H. Atwater, Providence, R. I.	Providence	96	55	45	5	Yes	No	160		H	1	1	No	No	31 82	12
	Providence	Robert P. Gifford, Providence, R. I.	Providence	21	10	19	2		No	110	0	C	1	No	No	No	15 00	10
	Somerset	Ralph Earl, Dighton, Mass.	Swansea	105	55 1/2		9									Yes		12
	Fall River	Herbert A. Skinner, 481 Durfee Street	Swansea	107	59	54	11		Occasionally	308	2	B, D, F, G	3	4	No	No	133 35	12
	E. Greenwich	Lydia E. Drinkwater, E Greenwich, R. I.	E. Greenwich	23	10	10	2		No			A	1	2	No	No	11 25	12
		Totals		478														
Salem.	Amesbury	D. C. Maxfield, Amesbury	Amesbury	62	33 7/16	51	5			250	12	A, B, K	3	No	No	No	48 96	12
	Boston	Thomas Wood, 4 Gleason St., Dorchester	Boston	97	44	62	8	Yes	Occasionally	206	3	B	4	No	No	Yes	82 31	12
	E. Lynn	Charles E. Bishop, 40 Ireson Avenue	Salem	214	124	30	20	Yes	Occasionally	293	P.D.	B, H, K	2	No	No	Yes	111 05	12
	Henniker	N. P. Buxton, Henniker, N. H.	Weare	19	10	10	2		No			L	2	1		No	12 00	
	Lawrence	Stephen Swett, Ayersvillage, Haverhill, Mass.	Boston	95	75	60	7	Yes	Monthly	300	200	A	1	4	Yes	No		12
	Lowell	Charles Kelley, Lowell, Mass.	Boston	7	6	7						A					6 93	9
	Lynn	George C. Herbert, 17 Chatham St., Lynn, Mass.	Salem	120	71	55	13		Occasionally	875	27	B	1	1		Yes	90 92	12
	N. Weare	Alfred Osborne, No. Weare, N. H.	Weare	37		37	4		No	500		B	1	4	No	No	13 42	12
	Salem	George H. Jones, 85 Highland Ave., Salem	Salem	30	16	26	2		No			A	4	4		No	18 50	12
	S. Pittsfield	A. N. Peaslee, So. Pittsfield, N. H.	Amesbury	52	21	14	4	Yes	No	161	3	B	2	3	No	No	21 70	9
	Epping	Moses O. Nichols, West Epping, N. H.	Amesbury	10	7	9				100	3							12
	Clinton Grove	Annie S. Breed, Clinton Grove, N. H.	Weare	14	13	3	2			200	2	A	1	4	No	No		12
		Totals		757														

Quarterly Meeting.	Location of School.	Local Superintendent's Name and Address.	Monthly Meeting.	Membership of School.	Average Attendance.	No. of Friends.	No. of Classes.	Is Religious Interest Increasing?	Are Teacher's Meetings Held?	Volumes in Library.	Books Added through Year.	Lesson Helps Used.	Kinds of Papers Used.	Temperance Lessons.	Peace Lessons.	Is Children's Day Observed?	Amount of Collection.	Months of School.
Sandwich.	Allen's Neck	Henry A. Allen, Dartmouth, Mass.	Dartmouth	98	47	25	10		Yearly			B	2	No	No	No	39 13	12
	Smith's Neck	Elbridge L. Faunce, S. Dartmouth, Mass.	Dartmouth	57	29	19	6		No			H	2	2	No	No	20 36	11
	Central Village	John A. Macomber, Central Village, Mass.	Westport	49	27½	36	5		No				1				30 91	12
	Wayside Mission	Mary E. Gifford, Central Village, Mass.	Westport	52	28	3	5		No			B						11
	Long Plain	Richard Davis, Long Plain, Mass.	New Bedford	48	22¼	29	3	Yes	No	420	36	A	4	No	No	No	23 75	12
	Acushnet	Adelaide V. Wilbur, Acushnet, Mass.	New Bedford	9	7	1	1		No	150		A	4	4	No	No	5 00	12
	New Bedford	N. W. Gifford, New Bedford, Mass.	New Bedford	156	63	12	12		No	500	70–75	C, B	2	4	No	No	14 50	10
	Mattapoisett	Joshua L. Macomber, E. Mattapoisett	New Bedford	25	17	8	3		Monthly	586	60	A	5	12	No	No		9
		Totals		494														
Falmouth.	Casco	S. A. Hall, Casco, Me.	Windham	17	10⅐	10	2		No	74	2	A, B	4		No	No	4 80	12
	Deering	Wm. I. Hacker, Westbrook, Me.	Falmouth	24	15	20	3		No	195	1	B, C	3	No	No	No		12
	E. Durham	Mahlon D. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me.	Durham	56	34	14	5		No	175		B					19 52	12
	Lewiston	J. B. Holder, Lewiston, Me.	Lewiston	78	59½	75	10			225		A				Yes	70 42	12
	Portland	Fred C. Dearborn, 44 Winter St., Portland	Falmouth	91	64		8			304	12	A, G	1	No			139 76	12
	S. Durham	Henry Snow, South Durham	Durham	88	43	54	7		Weekly	218	81	B	4	No	Yes		43 84	12
	Windham	L. H. Jones, Windham, Me.	Windham	53								A	3			No	18 05	12
		Totals		407														
Smithfield.	Bolton	Alfred Dow, Bolton, Mass.	Bolton	65	39¼	40	6			319	40	C	4	Yes	Yes	No	32 18	12
	Worcester	D. Marshal Babcock, 11 Court Street	Uxbridge	45	34	42	4		No	353	26	A	4	No	No	No	107 66	12
	Northbridge	Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge	Uxbridge	26	12¾	6	3		No	150	1	A	4	4	No	No	11 97	11
	Woonsocket	James S. Read, Woonsocket, R. I.	Smithfield	181	79	45	10		No	474	34	A	3	3	1	No	119 40	12
		Totals		317														

Vassalboro.	LakeView,China	George E. Roberts, China, Me.	China	58	27	25	4	Yes	No	64		B				Yes	15 07	12
	E. Vassalboro	Eliza F. Butterfield, E. Vassalboro	Vassalboro	58	29		4					B			4		8 04	12
	Maple Grove			25	20													
	South China	Emma Plaisted ,S. China	China	48	31¾		4			130	25	A	1	5	2	Yes	17 67	3
	Unity	E. M. Jones, Unity, Me.	Unity	30	23	5	3					H	1				2 00	12
	West China	Chas. W. Jones, China, Me.	China	20		19	2									No	1 56	6
		Totals		239														
Dover.	Dover	Clarence I. Pinkham, Dover, N. H.	Dover	38	25	33	3		No	250	1	A	1		1	No	27 34	12
	Gonic	C. E. Peaslee, Gonic, N H.	Dover	37	24	24	3		No	195		B	1				89 06	12
	N. Berwick	Wm. T. Hussey, N. Berwick, Me.	Berwick	8		7	1											
	Meaderboro	Otis Meader, Rochester, N. H.	Dover	43	15	25	3		No			H	2	No	No	No	9 23	9
		Totals		126														
Fairfield.	Augusta	James Plummer, Winthrop St., Augusta	Winthrop	59	35	9	5		No			B	3	4	No	Yes	25 31	
	Hallowell	Geo. F. Morse, Hallowell, Me.	Manchester	25			4		No	25		A	1	No	No	No	6 59	9
	Manchester	A. W Hawkes, Manchester, Me.	Winthrop	53	35	22	4		No	80		B	3	4	No	No	62 96	12
	N. Fairfield	Geo. B. Wing, No. Fairfield, Me.	Sidney	35	22	16	4		No	150		B					9 84	12
	Centre Sidney	William A. Hope, West Sidney	Sidney	37		11	4		No	50						Yes		12
	St. Albans	Jesse W. Chandler, St. Albans, Me.	St. Albans	38	20	33	4		No			A	3	3	No	No	5 00	12
	Winthrop Centre	Charles I. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.	Winthrop	154	82		11		Weekly	400		B		4	No	No		12
	W. Gardiner	John Pinkham, West Gardiner	Winthrop	43	28	18	5		No			B	1				15 41	12
		Totals		344														
Parsonsfield.	E. Parsonsfield	Silas H. Cartland, E. Parsonsfield, Me.	Parsonsfield	48	35	33	5		No	282	22	A	4	4	No	No	13 12	12
	N. Sandwich	Cornelius Turner, N. Sandwich, N. H.	Sandwich	47	22	28	3		No	162	20	A	2	4	No	No	11 92	12
		Totals		95														
		Total membership		3257													1292 30	

Key to Lesson Helps.—A, Friends' Publications. B, Peloubet's. C, Sunday School Times. D, Hunt & Eaton. E, Scholar's Magazines. F, Lesson Cards. G, Mrs, Kennedy. H, David Cook's Publication. K, Blakslee.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS FOR NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, IN ACCOUNT WITH MARIANNA GIFFORD, TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Contributions from Monthly Meetings	$96 00
From seventeen Bible Schools in payment for Record Books	7 65
Gross Receipts	$103 56
Balance from last year	39 59
	$143 15

EXPENDITURES.

Postage and Stationery	$6 85
Leaflets	1 12
Balance now on hand	135 38
	$143 15

Respectfully submitted,

MARIANNA GIFFORD,

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 13, 1896. *Treasurer of Committee.*

33. The report on Freedmen has been read and accepted. The proposition for an appropriation is referred to the Finance Committee. The difficulties under which the Committee have labored have claimed our sympathy.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Maryville School has continued under the same management as that of recent years, with an average attendance per day of 83 pupils in the Fall Term and 151 in the Spring Term.

The number of students receiving aid from the George Sturge Fund in the Fall Term was 33, and in the Spring Term 57.

We are thankful for the blessed work of the Holy Spirit, which, the Principal writes, has never been more sensibly near than in the past school year. And we would record our appreciation of L. H. Garner's self-sacrificing labors in the care of the Institution.

With the Yearly Meeting's usual appropriation of five hundred ($500) dollars and the earnest hope that voluntary contributions will not fall short of three hundred ($300) dollars, the committee has arranged with the Principal for another school year.

After this we do not think it will be possible to hold the property and carry on the work unless the investments held by the Trustees shall have become of sufficient value to afford an income.

We earnestly pray that the blessing of our Heavenly Father may rest upon this part of His heritage and that this Institution, which seems to us such a favorable situation for practical aid to the descendants of Freedmen, may be spared to our Yearly Meeting for blessed service in future years.

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Secretary.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Donation for Repairs Account	$50 00
Yearly Meeting Loan	1,000 00
Yearly Meeting Appropriation	500 00
Contribution from Monthly Meetings	186 76
Augustine Jones, Trustee of the George Sturge Fund	1,450 33
" " " for H. Camp Fund	60 00
" " " for B. F. Knowles Fund	9 00
	$3,256 09

EXPENDITURES.

Paid L. H. Garner, Principal, on Wages Account of Years 1895 and 1896	$1,000 00
Paid the same for Wages on Account, 1895 and 1896	755 76
Paid on Repairs Account	50 00
Paid for Aid to Students on G. Sturge Fund	1,450 33
	$3,256 09

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREEDMAN'S NORMAL INSTITUTE, MARYVILLE, TENN., FOR THE YEAR 1895-6.

Number of days taught	190
Number enrolled	243
Per cent. of attendance	84.7
Number of boarders in the building	78
Number of teachers in the Training Class	123
Number graduating in the Elementary Course	8

In presenting this Report we realize the importance of the work committed to us, and with thankfulness acknowledge the guidance and loving care of the Father of all, who has given us strength and support in carrying it forward; and especially grateful are we for the encouragement received in being permitted to see the gathering of so many into the Fold, and for the earnestness shown by the students in Christian work.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. GARNER, *Principal.*

34. The report of the Trustees of the George Sturge, B. F. Knowles and Henry Camp Funds has been read and approved.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE STURGE, BENJAMIN F. KNOWLES AND HENRY CAMP FUNDS.

Financial Statement.

GEORGE STURGE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$6 83
Coupons paid Seventh Month, 1st	727 50
Coupons paid First Month, 1st	727 50
Interest on Deposits	17 25
	$1,479 08

EXPENDITURES.

Assisting Students, Fall Term, 1895	$374 78
Assisting Students, Spring Term, 1896	1,075 55
Rent of Box in Rhode Island Safe Deposit	10 00
Balance for New Account	18 75
	$1,479 08

BENJAMIN F. KNOWLES FUND.

RECEIPTS.

To dividend 59, Willimantic Linen Company	$4 50
" " 60, Willimantic Linen Company	4 50
	$9 00

EXPENDITURES.

Third Month 8th, 1896. Paid Freedmen's Commmittee	$9 00

HENRY CAMP FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Interest on Mortgage for $1,000	$60 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Committee on Freedmen, Third Month 6th, 1896	$30 00
" " " Fifth Month 23d, 1896	30 00
	$60 00

AUGUSTINE JONES,
SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON.

Sixth Month 12th, 1896,

35. The Representatives presented to the Meeting the following recommendation, viz.:

1. We recommend that in future, removal certificates in favor of members of other Yearly Meetings as Elders, shall not confer upon such members the station of Elder in this Yearly Meeting.

2. We have considered the request of Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, on the subject of modifying the privileges of birthright membership, and are united in recommending that no change be made in the Discipline, but desire to urge upon Friends the importance of watching over our young people in order to bring them to Christ in their early years, under the provisions of our Discipline as now existing.

OWEN DAME, *Clerk.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 15th, 1896.

Item No. 1 was approved.

Item No. 2, claiming our further attention, it is now concluded to refer the subject to the Representative Meeting.

The Nominating Committee presented the names of Friends for the following committees, viz.: Gospel work, Suppression of Liquor Traffic, all of which are approved and confirmed.

(*The following Report should have been inserted with Minute 26, Page 36.*)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SUPPRESSION OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS.

Dear Friends:—Your committee, in retrospect of the year's work now drawing to a close, feel to thank our Heavenly Father for the time and opportunity and means He has granted us of doing what we have done for the advancement of His kingdom in the earth. The liquor traffic now presents the greatest obstacle in the path of Christian progress. It is the source of at least 90 per cent. of all crime, misery, poverty and pauperism. It is an organized evil to perpetuate its own existence by influencing our legislation and by every means it can command, corrupt and corrupting, to secure its ends. It is sapping the foundations of the home and of society, and threatens the perpetuity of our national government.

Christian principle and patriotism impel us to action by every means a good Providence puts in our power to avert the evils of this traffic, by both moral conviction and legal prohibition. To this end your committee, so far as reported, has distributed over thirty thousand pages of literature the past year in leaflets and books, mostly relating to the subject of our appointment. Of this amount thirteen thousand passed through the hands of our Superintendent of Literature, Mary Almy Chase.

Most of our Bible Schools, we believe, take up monthly a temperance Bible lesson. Our ministers do not omit to preach the gospel of temperance. Our Christian Endeavor Societies also have this as a special subject before them in many of their prayer and business meetings, and some of them have a temperance committee which reports monthly.

There is reported $83.00 expended by Hannah J. Bailey, for lectures on this subject.

Lucy A. Snow reports thirty meetings held by her in the interests of this work, seven of them in evangelical churches of other denominations, with the active co-operation of their pastors. She notes some remarkable cases of blessing in deliverance from the bondage of appetite; also of men who were made willing to leave party for Christ, and to consecrate that mighty weapon, a free man's ballot, to the service of God. There have also been held in New Bedford, Saylesville and probably in other places, in Friends' meeting-houses and under the care of members of the Committee on Temperance, meetings and addresses delivered by speakers of national reputation.

We rejoice to recognize in the cause of Christian citizenship a helping hand, and that many pastors, ministers and Christian Endeavor Societies, are bringing this subject to the front, and this is one of the hopeful signs of the times.

It may be remembered that two years ago, at the suggestion of your committee, a memorial to Congress was prepared and signed by your Clerks, as well as by some other of our Yearly Meetings, asking Congress to appoint a Commission of Inquiry in regard to the effects of the liquor traffic on our national prosperity. The memorial was presented, referred and favorably reported upon, but strange to say no appropriation was made to defray expenses. It has, however, again been presented, referred and recommended by the committee, and they also recommended an appropriation of ten thousand dollars to defray expenses, but Congress has adjourned without acting upon it. Let us still trust the day is not far distant when there will issue from official national sources very valuable and fresh evidence of the blighting and destructive influence of this traffic on the peace and prosperity of our country.

It seems right, in conclusion, to refer to the removal by death of our beloved co-worker and Secretary, Ella L. Andrews. In the Providence of God she has been early called from works to reward; called, we humbly trust, to be forever with Jesus.

Signed in behalf of the Committee by

JOSEPH H. ATWATER, *Clerk Pro tem.*

P. S. Your Committee would request the usual appropriation for its use.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

Received Collection at Portland		$19 25
"	Monthly Meeting Treasurers	121 32
"	New Bedford Treasurer	2 50
"	Boston Treasurer	39
		$143 46

EXPENDITURES.

Paid on account of Literature	$34 10
Paid on account of Lectures	83 00
Balance on hand	26 36
	$143 46

Respectfully submitted,

ELISHA T. READ, *Treasurer.*

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Sixth Month 12th, 1896.

NOTE.—For a detailed statement of receipts from Monthly Meetings, see report of the Financial Secretary.

THIRD-DAY MORNING 16TH.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

36. The Committee on Foreign Missions request that the sum of $2,000 be raised by collections from Monthly Meetings for its use the ensuing year. The matter is referred to the Finance Committee.

37. The records of the Representative Meeting were read and its action approved.

38. The Representatives presented names of Friends to fill vacancies on the Representative Meeting which are satisfactory, and they are appointed.

39. The Queries, with answers summarized from answers forwarded by the Quarterly Meetings, have been read. The reading of the answers from the several Quarterly Meetings being omitted under a suspension of the rules.

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

1. Our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, except some of the meetings at Nantucket, fifty in other places, and a few other exceptions noted in two Quarterly Meetings, but the number not given.

Meetings on First Day are duly attended, and generally at the hour appointed, by most of our members. The mid-week meetings are neglected by many. A considerable number of members manifest little or no interest in our Society, and seldom, if ever, attend our religious meetings.

2. Love and unity are generally maintained in seven Quarterly Meetings; in another, exceptions are noted; while in still another, there is a decided lack Detraction is mostly guarded against. Endeavors are made to end differences when they arise.

3. While we believe that most Friends are concerned to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train their children and others as queried, yet more faithfulness is needed in these particulars.

4. Our members are generally concerned to read the Holy Scriptures as queried. Our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry appears to be maintained, with some exceptions, in three Quarterly Meetings.

5. In two Quarterly Meetings Friends wholly abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, thirteen exceptions are definitely reported in five Quarterly Meetings, while two others give no exact statement. Not wholly clear as to amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character.

6. Care is taken to relieve and assist the poor and to educate their children.

7. Most Friends maintain our testimony in military matters, there is greater laxity in the use of oaths, while one Quarterly Meeting reports deficiency in giving a clear inventory for public taxation.

8. With a few exceptions we believe Friends inspect their affairs, settle their accounts, are punctual in the fulfillment of their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9. Records are correctly kept. Some removals without certificates.

10. The Discipline is administered in Christian tenderness and impartially, but not always as timely as would be desirable.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

The state of society as revealed in the answers which we believe to have been given with regard to absolute correctness, has brought the meeting into thoughtful exercise. Our duty to God in the family, as asked for in the fourth query, has been especially dwelt upon The home is the proper starting point, and nothing tells more in after years than the influences that go to the moulding of young lives in the home. No greater safeguard can we throw around our boys and girls as they go out from us to other and unknown environments, than the habit of daily reading and study of the scriptures and the observance of stated time for devotion. Let the home be a shrine to which the young man in his school and in his business life can look back and receive strength for a steadfast trust in the God of his fathers.

Let our hands be clean in this matter.

The love of the brethren is an essential to Christian influence. The attendance of our meetings for worship is a duty that no one questions, but it is quite as important for us to question ourselves *how* we attend them, as whether we attend them at all. There must be life in the singular, if there is to be life in the aggregate. Worship in the family is a reasonable preparation for worship in the

meeting. Let the meeting be made up of souls filled with love to God and love to men, souls ready for any service, susceptible alike to constraint and restraint, and the questions of method and form will become very simple. The central impelling idea of worship is love. A love like the Master's. A love that is ready to make sacrifice. A love that will lead us to trust each other even upon points where individual opinions may differ. There is a blessed Christian unity infinitely deeper and fuller than any mere uniformity.

Again, love leaves no room for detraction. One may do harm to the reputation of a brother, may do harm to the reputation of the church by a thoughtless word or even with silence, when a word is needed. Let us be careful how we indulge in criticisms of the church; dwelling upon her weaknesses and her imperfections. It is vastly easier to call attention to the errors of the church or of our fellows than to demonstrate to men what a clean Christian life should be. Let us be loyal to the church,—true to the principles for which she stands,—find the place which God appoints for us, and cheerfully, lovingly, devotedly, seek to fill it.

The gospel of our Lord is something in which we all have a share, and in it, as in other things, we are to bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. The spirit of our God, known as a blessed reality in every heart, will solve the problems of life and make clear our paths.

40. The Nominating Committee presented names of Friends to fill vacancies on the Committee on Bible Schools and Freedmen. Anna M. Hussey is released from service on the Freedmen's Committee, at her own request.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

41. We appoint John F. Chase and others to present to this meeting the names of three men Friends, to constitute a board of Trustees of the endowment funds belonging to Oak Grove School.

42. The report of the Committee to disburse the income of the H. H. Mosher Fund has been read and approved.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISBURSEMENT OF THE INCOME OF THE H. H. MOSHER FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your Committee report that one hundred copies of "Southern Heroes," by Fernando G. Cartland, ordered by last year's committee, were received and distributed during the year. More than three hundred copies of the "American Friend," and fifty copies of the "Friends' Missionary Advocate," have been subscribed for.

On account of the small balance in the Treasurer's hands at the beginning of the year, it seemed as if the subscriptions to the "Friend" and the "Advocate" would so nearly take up the money known to be at the disposal of the Committee, that little else could be done at present. About the middle of the year, some of the interest so long delayed, coming into the hands of the Treasurer, the "Life of Elizabeth Comstock" was examined, and one hundred copies ordered. The supply in this country was then exhausted, and the English publishers delayed in sending them, so they have just been received, and will be distributed as soon as possible.

HENRY H. GODDARD, *Chairman.*
DEBORAH P. ATHERTON, *Secretary.*

Newport, R. I., Sixth Month 13th, 1896.

H. H. MOSHER FUND.

Treasurer's Account.

Balance from former account		$22 31
Received from Owen Dame, Trustee		791 52
		$813 83

Expenditures.

305 copies American Friend	$411 75	
50 copies Missionary Advocate	25 00	
109 copies Life and Letters of Elizabeth Comstock, with postage and express on same	128 93	
Freight and express on "Southern Heroes," etc.	8 20	
		573 88
Balance on hand		$239 95

J. E. PAIGE, *Treasurer.*

Lynn, Sixth Month 9th, 1896.

43. The report of the Trustees of the Mosher Fund has been read and approved, viz.:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF MOSHER FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Funds in our hands are as follows: —

City of Boston Registered Gold 5 per cent. Bond	$10,000 00
New Bedford Institution for Savings Book	1,078 65
Lynn Institution for Savings Book	2,550 00
	$13,628 65
We have received interest from the City of Boston	$500 00
And interest from Lynn Institution for Savings	104 72
Total	$604 72
And we have paid to J. E. Paige, Treasurer of the Committee, to disburse the income of this Fund	$791 52

For the Trustees,

OWEN DAME,

OLNEY T. MEADER.

Lynn, Mass., Sixth Month 8th, 1896.

44. The answers to the queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that meeting, have been read and are as follows: —

SUMMARY ANSWERS TO QUERIES OF THE MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

1. We are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of our families, with a little exception.

2. With some exception we are in unity with one another and with the meetings to which we belong, harmoniously laboring to gather to Christ.

3. We believe our members frequently search the Holy Scriptures and prayerfully seek a right understanding of them, and are careful not to misquote or misapply.

MINUTE OF THE MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

We have deeply felt, at this time, that we need to utilize all the opportunities of life and all the manifestations of Divine power to equip our members for definite, positive service in the vineyard of the Lord. The influence of our ministry must not be limited to our own members; our sphere is to be bounded only by the limits of the globe.

There can be no adequate power in gathering souls to the Savior until we are permeated with love and bound together in vital unity. We must be so joined

in spirit through our love to our common Master that we can work successfully with those who honestly think differently from ourselves. The higher we rise in the scale of life the greater the variety, and our main concern as Christians should be to be so fully consecrated in heart and purpose that spiritual unity shall swallow up the external variety.

A new spirit would spread through every community represented here, if each individual would return home and study the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians until its wonderful truths have become a veritable part of the life and thought; until this supreme gift is received in fulness.

The great question is an individual one, what am I personally doing to uplift Christ and to help those about me to see Him and come under His sway; and every effort put forth to extend His rule over human hearts re-acts upon the faithful servant, for no one can water without being watered also himself.

We were reminded that we need not only channels but also living power to make the channels effective. It is not simply machinery which we labor to build up or to keep up. We need power enough to make every bit of necessary machinery we have, accomplish something.

The machinery needs adjusting. Each individual needs to be adjusted by the Head of the Church so that he can work effectively with all other laborers, and also adjusted to temperature, going neither too fast nor too slow, but precisely as the Spirit of the Lord directs.

The headquarters of the church nowadays is in the field; its place is wherever it is needed, and it cannot exist by withdrawing into a stronghold apart from the world and by defending itself from attack. Its power increases as it occupies the field.

There is, however, the greatest need of simple, sincere, tongue-guarded, daily living, both among those who are saved, and among those who may be most seriously affected by any carelessness of life or word by any professed follower of the Lord. Whether in the family or in the fields of service, we must abide in Christ, and have Him the constant guest of the soul—He in us, and we in Him.

Power is always a consequence of the right relation between the soul and Him, and it cannot be gained until the relation is made a living, spiritual one. God always does His part, if there is any failure, it is on our part.

RUFUS M. JONES, *Clerk.*

45. The Committee on Peace have presented their annual report, which is satisfactory.

We rejoice in the growth of public sentiment in favor of Peace and Arbitration, as well as the escape of our country from threatened war. Persistent, patient work will long be needed in this cause so dear to the heart of every Friend, and so essential to good government.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Peace have employed such means as they had in hand, in assisting public speakers and in enlarging the circulation of the Advocate of Peace. By our direction, thirty-two lectures have been given. Besides this some sermons and instructive talks by ministers have resulted from information afforded them by us. We have tried to embrace opportunities for enlightening the young as to the utter inconsistency of the war spirit with true Christian character, and to show that a special duty rests upon our generation of supplanting this darkening spirit of the past with the nobler spirit of justice and love. But what the Committee has done seems entirely insignificant when compared with the magnitude of the subject, and the greatness of the coming good to mankind through the adoption of peace principles.

We have, however, observed with deep thankfulness the rapid and providential progress now making towards the establishment of a permanent system of international justice by arbitration and reason. This movement has within it some of the strongest minds in our country among preachers, educators, jurists and statesmen. Newspapers of the widest circulation, both secular and religious, are giving their readers pure and wholesome reading upon this subject: a subject which their editors regard as of the greatest importance in connection with the future welfare of our country.

The notable conference lately held at Washington, as well as that which meets yearly at Lake Mohonk, in both of which members of our Yearly Meeting have participated, will no doubt be powerful and far reaching in their beneficent influence. The report of their discussions, addresses and resolutions, ought to be widely read.

The good thoughts concerning international peace and good-will, which are now being put forth, seem like the blossoming of the plant which for two centuries our fathers in the church have tried hard to cultivate and train.

One of the speakers at the Washington Conference said his only hope for the successful carrying out of the objects of the Conference lies in the development or evolution of an international *conscience*.

Let us be thankful that our mothers implanted within us a conscience which is radical and tender in connection with war and all its accessories; and that our discipline and history have had a part in its education. Standing upon the foundation of a good conscience we may well advance our standard and broaden our view. With proper respect for the past, we will do well to keep in touch and sympathy with the noble minds who in the *present* are carrying forward this reform among the nations, which is so intimately connected with the advance of the Redeemer's kingdom.

B. F. TRUEBLOOD, *Chairman.*
SAMUEL BUFFUM, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Last Year			$30 08	
Received from Amesbury	Monthly	Meeting	5 00	
" Salem	"		10 00	
" Winthrop	"		4 00	
" Uxbridge	"		6 00	
" Boston	"		7 38	
" Smithfield	"		1 55	
" Weare	"		11 00	
" Westport	"		10 00	
" Berwick	"		10 00	
" Swansea	"		2 42	
" Dartmouth	"		1 00	
" Providence	"		5 50	
" Rhode Island	"		5 00	
" New Bedford	"		1 25	
				$108 18

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Hannah J. Bailey	$60 00	
Paid American Peace Society	43 00	
Paid Protested Check, Winthrop Monthly Meeting	1 58	
		$104 58
Balance on hand		$3 60

THOMAS WOOD, *Treasurer.*

46. An epistle to Dublin Yearly Meeting has been read and approved.

47. The annual report of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been read.

Our young people, who are the church of the future, are in training for valuable service, and we wish them encouragement.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

To the New England Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends:—In reviewing the work of Christian Endeavor in New England for the past year, we have been greatly encouraged. We felt for a time that very little was being accomplished, but the statistical report shows results that we had least expected, and for which we feel to praise our Heavenly Father.

There has been no material growth in number of societies, for while two new ones have been formed two also have been discontinued, but without the

addition one or more new societies would give, there is an increase of 72 active with a slight decrease of associate members, which we are glad to see, for the fewer associate members we have in our societies the better. Twenty-one associate members have become active, which shows that much prayerful work has been done.

There is an increase over last year of 17 in the number who have become Friends.

We are glad to note that the Juniors are doing a good work — $8.89 is reported as having been raised by them for Mission work. We trust the number of Junior Societies will greatly increase, for if the children are early taught in Endeavor work, they appreciate it greatly in later years.

As we consider the wonderful leading and guiding of our Heavenly Father, we are filled with deep gratitude, and also with a greater enthusiasm than ever before to do more effectual work for Him, and our earnest prayer is that His richest blessing may attend the efforts of Endeavorers all over the land.

Respectfully for the Union,

HARRIET E. MacLEAN, *President.*
MARY A. CROSMAN, *Secretary.*

48. A communication from a Committee of Kansas Yearly Meeting has been read, and is referred to the Representative Meeting.

49. Nominations for vacancies on the Committees on Peace and on Income of Mosher Fund have been confirmed.

Adjourned to meet in separate session to-morrow morning; Women's Meeting at 9 o'clock. Men's Meeting at 10 o'clock.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING 17TH.

Met pursuant to adjournment in separate session.

After informal consideration of various subjects, resumed in joint session.

50. The subject of simplyfying and abbreviating our records being brought to our attention, the matter is referred to the Representative Meeting for its consideration.

51. The Auditing Committee presented their report, which is satisfactory. We appoint Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year; James H. Chace for Treasurer of Providence School Funds, and Joseph E. Briggs, Treasurer of Oak Grove School.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the Yearly Meeting:

RECEIPTS.

Balance last year		$1,122 51
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting		550 00
Salem	"	450 00
Sandwich	"	500 00
Falmouth	"	212 50
Smithfield	"	150 00
Vassalboro	"	137 50
Dover	"	150 00
Fairfield	"	300 00
Parsonsfield	"	50 00
Cash from Loans on Demand		3,000 00
Cash from Sarah H. Henley Legacy		600 00
Sales of Books of Discipline		22 70
Interest and Dividends		84 74
		$7,329 95

EXPENDITURES.

Yearly Meeting Expenses 1895		$477 20
Rent of Safe Deposit Box		5 00
Paid Committee on Freedmen		1,000 00
Printing Reports of Iowa Educational Conference		25 00
Loans Returned		2,000 00
Insurance on Maryville Property		211 10
Insurance on Newport Meeting House		48 75
Printing, Stationery and Copying		515 87
Interest Paid on Loan	$30 75	
Interest Paid on Loan	23 75	
Interest Paid on Loan	40 00	
		94 50
Interest on Oak Grove Note		50 00
Repairs on Newport Meeting House		79 55
Incidentals		14 70
Paid Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs		525 00
Paid Finance Committee Expenses		13 00
Paid on Oak Grove Note (Balance now due $500)		500 00
Paid on Portland Loan Account (Balance now due $1,750)		250 00
Paid Committee on Freedmen Appropriation		500 00
Balance in Treasurer's Hands		1,020 28
		$7,329 95

Note:—Of this balance ($1,020.28), the sum of six hundred dollars is held for account of Sarah H. Henley legacy to Foreign Missions, leaving net balance available for Yearly Meeting use four hundred twenty dollars and twenty-eight cents.

52. The Finance Committee have made the following recommendations which are approved, and the appropriations made.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.—APPROPRIATIONS.

The Finance Committee recommend that $3,000 be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting for the ensuing year. They also recommend the following appropriations from the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting:—

For Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	$525 00
Principal and Interest Oak Grove Note	525 00
Freedmen (Maryville Institute)	500 00
Portland Meeting House Note and Interest	320 00
Expenses Finance Committee	50 00
	$1,920 00

OWEN DAME, *Chairman.*
DEBORAH P. ATHERTON, *Secretary.*

Our Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay their respective proportions of the sum called for, $3,000, to our Treasurer, on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

53. Our Treasurer is hereby authorized to forward twenty-five copies of our Book of Discipline to St. Albans' Monthly Meeting.

54. The Committee on Correspondence have presented essays of epistles to London Yearly Meeting, to Ramallah Monthly Meeting, and an epistle addressed to all the American Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, which are approved.

They have also prepared letters to the young people, to the children, and to the sick and afflicted. The Clerks are directed to sign and forward them as proposed. Copies of the latter three are to be bound and sent out with the printed Minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

55. The Nominating Committee presented names for vacancies on the Committee of Arrangements, which are approved.

56. Nominations presented by the Women's Meeting for a Committee on Purity have been approved. (See Women's Minutes.)

57. The subject of a revision of our Discipline having claimed our thought, our Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint two Friends from each of their Meetings to serve on a Committee of this Meeting, should it decide to appoint one next year, for the purpose named.

58. The Committee for that purpose propose for Trustees of the Endowment Funds, belonging to Oak Grove School, Charles M. Bailey, John J. Frye, C. Irving Bailey. The nominations are approved, and they are appointed to that service.

59. The Committee on returning Minutes presented the following for David Tatum, "David Tatum acceptably attended this Meeting," and recommend that similar ones be furnished to George Wood, William L. Wilson, Mary J. Weaver, Robert W. Douglas, J. Walter Malone, Matilda W. Atkinson, Richard Haworth, Susie N. Fitkin and Abram L. Fitkin. The Minute is approved by this Meeting, and the Clerks are directed to furnish each with a copy of the same, signed on our behalf.

60. The Women's Meeting request that a separate session for women Friends be provided for on Fourth-day of Yearly Meeting week, which is approved.

61. It is concluded that the Yearly Meeting be held alternately at Newport and Portland, until a change seems necessary.

62. We cheerfully and most thankfully acknowledge that during the sessions of this Yearly Meeting the presence of our Lord and Master has been sensibly felt, and that in all our deliberations there has been a precious feeling of brotherly love and harmony. We now adjourn, to meet in joint session in Portland, Maine, at the established time in next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed in, and on behalf of the Meeting,

JOHN ELLWOOD PAIGE, }
ALICE W. MAXFIELD, } *Clerks.*

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

MEMBERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

For One Year.

Phebe S. Aydelott . . . . . Fall River, Mass.
Daniel C. Maxfield . . . . . Amesbury, Mass.
John B. Baylies . . . . . New Bedford, Mass.
John J. Frye . . . . . Portland, Me.
Deborah P. Atherton . . . . . Uxbridge, Mass.
Annie M. Ray . . . . . South China, Me.
William P. Tuttle . . . . . Dover, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey . . . . . Winthrop Center, Me.
Lydia A. Cartland . . . . . East Parsonsfield, Me.
Levi Jones . . . . . Winthrop, Me.
Emeline H. Tuttle . . . . . Dover, N. H.
Salome C. Wheeler . . . . . Uxbridge, Mass.
John S. Kimber . . . . . Newport, R. I.
Melissa S. Dearborn . . . . . East Parsonsfield, Me.
J. Hacker Hall . . . . . Windham Center, Me.
Olney T. Meader . . . . . Boston, Mass.

For Two Years.

Samuel R. Buffinton . . . . . Fall River, Mass.
Lucy T. Herbert . . . . . 17 Chatham Street, Lynn, Mass.
Susan F. Hoxie . . . . . Sandwich, Mass.
Ezra Hawkes . . . . . Portland, Me.
Isaac Steere . . . . . Harrisville, R. I.
Henry H. Goddard . . . . . Vassalboro, Me.
Timothy B. Hussey . . . . . North Berwick, Me.
I. Warren Hawkes . . . . . Manchester, Me.
Silas H. Cartland . . . . . East Parsonsfield, Me.
Sarah J. Swift . . . . . Worcester, Mass.
Joseph E. Briggs . . . . . Winthrop Center, Me.
Anna G. Wood . . . . . New Bedford, Mass.
Joseph D. Wood . . . . . 215 State Street, Boston, Mass.
Elizabeth K. Jones . . . . . South China, Me.
Philip A. Cornell . . . . . South Dartmouth, Mass.
George L. Crosman . . . . . Lynn, Mass.

For Three Years.

Augustine Jones . . . . . Providence, R. I.
Owen Dame . . . . . Lynn, Mass.
Elizabeth A. Gifford . . . . . Adamsville, R. I.
Myra E. Frye . . . . . Woodfords, Me.
Daniel Wheeler . . . . . Uxbridge, Mass.

Eliza P. Pierce	East Vassalboro, Me.
Lydia M. C. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Mary W. Jones	Winthrop Center, Me.
John B. Cartland	North Sandwich, N. H.
Lewis M. Douglas	Portland, Me.
William Thompson	New Bedford, Mass.
D. Wheeler Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Jesse McPherson	Winthrop Centre, Me.
William O. Newhall	Lynn, Mass.
Charles H. Thorndike	Concord, N. H.
Susan T. Thompson	New Bedford, Mass.

PROVIDENCE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For One Year.

I. Warren Hawkes.	Ruth S. Murray.
William O. Newhall.	Alice W. Maxfield.
Daniel C. Maxfield.	Emily M. Jones.
Charles A. Chace.	Elizabeth H. Newhall.
Olney T. Meader.	Sarah Marble.
Charles Sisson.	Susan Peckham.

For Two Years.

Edward T. Tucker.	Bessie T. Wing.
Joshua L. Macomber.	S. Caroline Tobey.
John J. Frye.	Mary A. Crosman.
Charles E. Cobb.	M. Augusta Battey.
Thomas Wood.	Martha Hoag, of Boston
Barker Newhall.	Rufus M. Jones.

For Three Years.

John Shober Kimber.	Rachel S. Howland.
Samuel R. Buffinton.	Ellen K. Buffum.
James H. Chace.	Hannah J. Bailey.
Peter M. Neal.	Anna G. Wood.
Samuel Buffum.	Deborah W. Crosman.
Robert P. Gifford.	Deborah P. Atherton.

Real Estate Committee.

For One Year.

Olney T. Meader.	Robert P. Gifford.

For Two Years.

Charles Sisson.	Thomas Wood.

For Three Years.

James H. Chace.	Samuel R. Buffinton.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Chairman—George A. Barton, Bryn Mawr, Pa.
Secretary—Anna F. Hall, Windham Center, Me.
Treasurer—John Ellwood Paige, Lynn, Mass.

For One Year.

Myra E. Frye. John Ellwood Paige.
Ruth S. Murray.

For Two Years.

Gertrude W. Cartland. Sarah Marble.
Wilmot R. Jones.

For Three Years.

George A. Barton. Rufus M. Jones.
Anna F. Hall.

COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

Chairman—Benjamin F. Trueblood, 3 Somerset Street, Boston, Mass.
Treasurer—Thomas Wood, 215 State Street, Boston, Mass.
Secretary—Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me.

For One Year.

Nathaniel W. Gifford . . . . . New Bedford, Mass.
Ellen Bangs . . . . . Dover, N. H.
Mary C. Baylies . . . . . New Bedford, Mass.
Samuel R. Buffinton . . . . . Fall River, Mass.
James M. Estes . . . . . Vassalboro, Me.
George H. Farr . . . . . Lewiston, Me.

For Two Years.

Martha E. Hoag . . . . . North Sandwich, N. H.
Elizabeth K. Jones . . . . . South China, Me.
Emma A. Douglas . . . . . Portland, Me.
Sarah A. Hill . . . . . Amesbury, Mass.
Caroline Alice Jones . . . . . Providence, R. I.
Gertrude W. Cartland . . . . . Newburyport, Mass.

For Three Years.

Benjamin F. Trueblood . . . . . Boston, Mass.
Charles Sisson . . . . . Providence, R. I.
Samuel Buffum . . . . . North Berwick, Me.
Hannah J. Bailey . . . . . Winthrop Centre, Me.
Silas H. Cartland . . . . . East Parsonsfield, Me.
Jennie T. Bishop . . . . . Lynn, Mass.

COMMITTEE FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

President—Joseph H. Atwater, Saylesville, R. I.
Secretary—Mary C. Baylies, New Bedford, Mass.
Superintendent of Literature—Mary A. Chase, Manchester, N. H.
Superintendent of Lectures—Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Assistant Superintendent of Lectures—Adeline F. Chace, Fall River, Mass.
Treasurer—Elisha T. Read, Woonsocket, R. I.

Executive Committee.

Joseph H. Atwater. Mary C. Baylies.
Mary A. Chase. Hannah J. Bailey.

For One Year.

Mary C. Baylies . . . . . New Bedford, Mass.
Elisha T. Read . . . . . Woonsocket, R. I.
Ellison R. Purdy . . . . . Portland, Me.
Josiah B. Holder . . . . . Lewiston, Me.
Lucy A. Snow . . . . . Windham Centre, Me.
George H. Cates . . . . . East Vassalboro, Me.
Emma F. R. Goddard . . . . . Vassalboro, Me.

For Two Years.

Charles E. Peaslee . . . . . Gonic, N. H.
Emeline H. Tuttle . . . . . Dover, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey . . . . . Winthrop Centre, Me.
Clara W. Bowery . . . . . Winthrop Centre, Me.
Leslie O. Meader . . . . . North Sandwich, N. H.
Mary L. Cobb . . . . . East Parsonsfield, Me.
Lizzie T. Hoag . . . . . North Sandwich, N. H.

For Three Years.

Joseph H. Atwater . . . . . Saylesville, R. I.
Louisa N. Meader . . . . . Saylesville, R. I.
William Wood . . . . . Lawrence, Mass.
Mary A. Chase . . . . . Manchester, N. H.
Joshua L. Macomber . . . . . Mattapoisett, Mass.
Adeline F. Chace . . . . . Fall River, Mass.
Susan M. Seabury . . . . . New Bedford, Mass.

COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

For One Year.

Mary R. Jones. Ruthanna H. Washburn.
Frank E. Jones. Eliza P. Pierce.
Alfred H. Jones. Mary E. Taber.
Henry Winslow. Mary G. Winslow.
Elwood A. Bailey. Elenora S. Woodman.
I. Warren Hawkes.

For Two Years.

Jesse McPherson.
George H. Cates.
William H. Douglas.
Herbert O. Jepson.
Melvin M. Bailey.
Sarah Marble.
Anna M. Priest.
Eliza B. Douglas.
Clara W. Mumford.
Lettie M. Bailey.
Rufus M. Jones.

For Three Years.

Charles M. Bailey.
C. Irving Bailey.
Mabel G. Bailey.
Joseph E. Briggs.
John J. Frye.
Sophia D. Bailey.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Ezra Hawkes.
Emma S. Briggs.
Myra E. Frye.
George L. Crosman.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Chairman—Charles H. Jones, Amesbury, Mass.
Corresponding Secretary—Ruth S. Murray, New Bedford, Mass.
Recording Secretary—Susan T. Thompson, New Bedford, Mass.
Treasurer—Sarah J. Swift, 22 Oak Avenue, Worcester, Mass.

For One Year.

William Thompson.
Ruth S. Murray.
Huldah H. Leighton.
Susan T. Thompson.
Robert P. Gifford.
Olney T. Meader.
William T. Hussey.

For Two Years.

Charles H. Jones.
Henry D. Swift.
D. Wheeler Swift.
Gulielma C. Wood.
Martha E. Hoag.
Elizabeth K. Jones.
Mary W. Jones, of Winthrop Centre.

For Three Years.

Timothy B. Hussey.
Anna G. Wood.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Anna M. Hussey.
Augustine Jones.
Mary E. Kimber.
Sarah J. Swift.

COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

Chairman—William O. Newhall.
Corresponding Secretary—Myra E. Frye.
Recording Secretary—Sarah J. Swift.
Treasurer—Samuel Buffum.

Associated Executive Committee.

William O. Newhall. Myra E. Frye.
Emeline H. Tuttle. John S. Kimber.

For One Year.

Edward T. Tucker . . . . . New Bedford, Mass.
Sarah J. Swift . . . . . Worcester, Mass.
Lizzie M. Hawkes . . . . . Manchester, Me.
Ellen K. Buffum . . . . . Providence, R. I.
Myra E. Frye . . . . . Woodfords, Me.
Asa C. Tuttle . . . . . Dover, N. H.
Anna M. Gove . . . . . Seabrook, N. H.

For Two Years.

Samuel Buffum . . . . . North Berwick, Me.
Emma S. Briggs . . . . . Winthrop Centre, Me.
Mary D. Collins . . . . . Hopkinton City, R. I.
Susan H. Meader . . . . . 634 Warren Street, Roxbury, Mass.
Almira B. Buffum . . . . . North Berwick, Me.
John S. Kimber . . . . . Newport, R. I.
Elisha T. Read . . . . . Woonsocket, R. I.

For Three Years.

William O. Newhall . . . . . Lynn, Mass.
Mary E. Kimber . . . . . Newport, R. I.
John J. Frye . . . . . Woodfords, Me.
Emeline H. Tuttle . . . . . Dover, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey . . . . . Winthrop Centre, Me.
Elizabeth A. Gifford . . . . . Adamsville, R. I.
Lettie M. Bailey.

FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE.

Secretary and Treasurer—Robert P. Gifford.

For One Year.

George A. Barton. Anthony M. Kimber.

For Two Years.

Robert P. Gifford. Hannah J. Bailey.

For Three Years.

Lewis M. Douglas. Susan F. Hoxie.

COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

Chairman—Charles H. Jones, Amesbury, Mass.
Secretary—Harriette D. Collins, Vassalboro, Me.
Treasurer—Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Center, Me.

For One Year.

Edward G. Wood.
Martha E. Osborne.
James M. Estes.
William P. Pinkham.
Horace M. Hall.
Harriette D. Collins.
Frank E. Jones.

For Two Years.

Emeline H. Tuttle.
Ezra Hawkes.
Silas H. Cartland.
Salome C. Wheeler.
Charles H. Thorndike.
Linwood W. Jones.
Charles H. Jones.

For Three Years.

William Thompson.
Joseph E. Briggs.
William V. Ware.
Susan T. Thompson.
Eunice A. Greene.
Annie K. Knight.
George H. Farr.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

For One Year.

Charles M. Bailey.
Joseph E. Briggs.
Phebe S. Aydelott.
Benjamin F. Trueblood.

For Two Years.

Charles A. Chace.
Anna M. Gove.
George L. Crosman.
Sarah W. Newlin.

For Three Years.

Thomas Wood.
John J. Frye.
Benjamin Greene.
Melvin M. Bailey.

TRUSTEES.

Samuel Buffum, one year.
Olney T. Meader, two years.
D. Wheeler Swift, three years.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Yearly Meeting Superintendent—Mary L. Chace, 203 High St., Fall River, Mass.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

George L. Crosman . . . . . Lynn, Mass.
Anna J. Goddard . . . . . Deering, Me.
Sarah H. Taber, New Bedford, Mass.

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents.

Rhode Island . . . . . Eunice A. Greene.
Salem . . . . . Alice W. Jones.
Sandwich . . . . . George R. Wood.
Falmouth . . . . . Lewis M. Douglas.
Smithfield . . . . . Dorcas H. Babcock.
Vassalboro . . . . . Annie M. Priest.
Fairfield . . . . . Alfred W. Hawkes.
Dover . . . . . William T. Hussey.
Parsonsfield . . . . . Emily M. Jones.

General Committee.

For One Year.

Elbridge W. Packard . . . . . Lewiston, Me.
Anna J. Goddard . . . . . 91 Winter Street, Portland, Me.
Elisha T. Reed . . . . . Woonsocket, R. I.
Alice M. Dow . . . . . Bolton, Mass.
Linwood W. Jones . . . . . South China, Me.
Abby P. Jenkins . . . . . East Vassalboro, Me.

For Two Years.

Clarence I. Pinkham . . . . . Dover, N. H.
Elizabeth B. Lord . . . . . North Berwick, Me.
C. Irving Bailey . . . . . Winthrop Centre, Me.
Martha B. Osborne . . . . . Manchester, Me.
Thomas W. Hoag . . . . . North Sandwich, N. H.
Melissa S. Dearborn . . . . . East Parsonsfield, Me.

For Three Years.

Thomas J. Battey . . . . . Providence, R. I.
Marianna Gifford . . . . . Fall River, Mass.
George F. Morse . . . . . .
A. Chalkley Collins . . . . . Great Barrington, Mass.
Charles E. Bishop . . . . . Lynn, Mass.
Sarah H. Taber . . . . . New Bedford, Mass.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Chairman—Owen Dame, Lynn, Mass.
Secretary—Deborah P. Atherton, Uxbridge, Mass.
Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting (*ex-officio*)—Samuel R. Buffinton.

Rhode Island, Samuel R. Buffinton, Hannah P. Ladd.
Salem, Susan H. Meader, Owen Dame.
Sandwich, J. B. Baylies, Susan F. Hoxie.
Falmouth, John J. Frye, Lucy J. Lunt.
Smithfield, D. Wheeler Swift, Deborah P. Atherton.
Vassalboro, William A. Jones, Etta S. Cates.
Dover, William P. Tuttle, Almira B. Buffum.
Fairfield, Joseph E. Briggs, Olive M. Tuttle.
Parsonsfield, Silas H. Cartland, Lizzie S. Hoag.

COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF MOSHER FUND.

Chairman—Henry H. Goddard.
Secretary—Deborah P. Atherton.
Treasurer—J. Ellwood Paige.

For One Year.

Henry H. Goddard. Deborah P. Atherton.
Mary L. Cobb.

For Two Years.

Samuel Buffum. J. Ellwood Paige.
Susan Peckham.

For Three Years.

Edward T. Tucker. Alice W. Hawkes.
Mary W. Jones, of Winthrop Centre.

TRUSTEES OF MOSHER FUND.

Charles M. Bailey. Olney T. Meader. Owen Dame.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

For One Year.

Thomas Wood. Lewis M. Douglas.
Almira B. Buffum. Myra E. Frye.

For Two Years.

Samuel R. Buffinton. Robert P. Gifford.
Susan Peckham. Hannah J. Bailey.

For Three Years.

John J. Frye. Susan F. Hoxie.
James M. Estes. Henry F. Newell.

YEARLY MEETING CORRESPONDENTS.

Joseph Cartland . . . . . Newburyport, Mass.
Samuel Buffum . . . . . North Berwick, Me.
Hannah J. Bailey . . . . . Winthrop Centre, Me.

The attention of Quarterly and Monthly Meetings is particularly directed to the following Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, viz. : —

Minute No. 15. Educational Report.
Minute No. 27. Finance Report.—A Plan for Christian Giving.
Minute No. 35. Elders from other Yearly Meetings.
Minute No. 52. Quarterly Meetings directed to pay Treasurer.
Minute No. 57. Revision of the Discipline.

The attention of the Representative Meeting is called to Minutes Nos. 35, Section 2, Nos. 48 and 50 of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting for 1896.

MINUTES

OF

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

WOMEN FRIENDS.

1896.

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S MEETING.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 17TH.

The Meeting met in separate session according to adjournment.

Epistles have been read from our sisters in London and Dublin, to our edification.

We have received and read at this time the report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which is encouraging and satisfactory to us.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS:

STATISTICS.

	Number of Auxiliaries.		Number of Members.		Honorary Members
	1895	1896	1895	1896	1896
Rhode Island . .	6	6	99	84	4
Salem	5	6	129	132	18
Sandwich	4	4	54	52	5
Falmouth	4	4	76	86	19
Smithfield	2	2	45	37	0
Vassalboro . . .	3	3	63	55	11
Dover	1	1	10	10	0
Fairfield	3	3	73	61	30
Parsonsfield . . .	2	2	25	27	0
Total	30	31	574	544	87

Work among the Kickapoo Indians and at Ramallah claims our first attention still, but aid has also been extended in several other directions.

There are thirty-one auxiliaries, which is a gain of one over last year. This auxiliary is in East Lynn, and starts out with consecrated hearts and earnest purpose. These auxiliaries have five hundred and forty-four members, a loss from last year's membership of thirty. One Quarterly Meeting holds its own, three have gained in membership, but the other five have lost. We have a gain of thirty-five honorary members.

Sixty public meetings of various kinds have been held. Though this number is larger than last year it is still very small. More effort might profitably be put forth in this direction, and when meetings can be arranged for children to have a part in recitations and hymns great good can be accomplished and missionary seed

sown that will find a lodgment in tender hearts that could not be reached by us who are older.

There seem to have been no objectionable ways of raising money this year. It has been chiefly by membership fees, etc.

The work among the Kickapoos never seemed more hopeful. The Mission is wonderfully blessed in the never-flagging earnestness and devotion of Elizabeth Test and Lina B. Lunt. The Indians are now on their allotted lands, though not yet taking them in severalty. This land is only three miles from the Mission building, so that it now seems very desirable for this and other cogent reasons that the Society should have a title deed to the land on which the Mission stands.

The school house is the only place in which to hold meetings on First-day, and it is often very uncomfortably full. There is much need of a large tabernacle in which to meet. In that climate such a tabernacle would be warm enough the greater part of the year.

The scant and unreliable supply of water on the premises has made it imperatively necessary to make a new arrangement, by which we hope the mission will soon be furnished with good water in plenty.

The Indians have been for a long time in a very unsettled state concerning their allotments. They distrust the white man with just cause, which makes it hard for our missionaries to keep their confidence. Parthee, the Indian reported last year as converted under the preaching of John S. Kimber, still holds on his way rejoicing, and often preaches to his own people. Some of the others are often tendered, but any less devoted workers would be quite discouraged. The zeal and faith of these two women seems never to flag, and surely their labors will be crowned with success.

We have still the responsibility of the yearly sixty-five dollars for twenty girls at the Training Home at Ramallah, though besides this many of them have to be clothed.

The death of Charles M. Jones has been a severe blow to the mission, but being dead, he yet speaketh to the people, and his grave, ever since his death, kept almost constantly covered with flowers by the loving hands of the children, is a continual object lesson to the people, reminding them of the greater sacrifice of Him who came from above to die for them.

ALICE W. MAXFIELD,

Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LITERATURE FROM FOURTH MONTH 1ST, 1895, TO FOURTH MONTH 1ST, 1896.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends: —

Reports from the thirty auxiliaries show that nine have founded missionary libraries; the number of volumes in these is sixty-five, besides a number of pamphlets. One auxiliary reports that their Sabbath School Library contains such books as they would naturally have in a missionary library, and they do not think it necessary to have duplicates.

During the year there have been sent to the local superintendents of literature throughout the Yearly Meeting four hundred and forty-two leaflets and catalogues of publications of supplies and missionary literature. Reports from auxiliaries show that one thousand two hundred and thirty-five leaflets have been distributed in twelve auxiliaries, eight hundred of this number by the Swansea superintendent of literature. Eleven report a few distributed, but no record kept, and six have not distributed any.

The reported membership of auxiliaries is five hundred and sixty-five, of whom one hundred and ninety-two alone subscribe for the Missionary Advocate. This does not include the total number of subscribers in the Yearly Meeting, as many take the paper who are not members of auxiliaries. Seven dollars has been contributed and forwarded to the editor, Eliza C. Armstrong, to enable her to send the "Advocate" to those who are not able to subscribe for it. We hope some new method will be devised by the local superintendents this year to increase the circulation of this valuable paper. Do let us try, and we shall certainly realize, to use the words of the excellent leaflet which has been sent to all, "that we have done what we thought we couldn't."

Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH P. LADD,

General Superintendent of Literature.

PROVIDENCE, Sixth Month 10th, 1896.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PROPORTIONATE AND SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND:

The statistics of this department, as reported by the auxiliaries, are as follows:

Number of tracts received	520
" " distributed	396
" mite-boxes given out	90
" addresses delivered	22
" who practice Proportionate and Systematic Giving	155
Amount of mite-box collections	$132.49

Quite a number of auxiliaries report money as raised entirely from membership fees and free-will offerings; the principal income of most of the remainder seems to be from the making and sale of useful articles, among which quilts are especially mentioned. A few make use of suppers, one reports birthday bags, and one a lecture and entertainment. One auxiliary, besides their sewing, gathered apples and sold them. There seems thus to be an increasing tendency to free-will offerings, either taken direct from the income, or obtained as pay for work done by the members.

This year three auxiliaries have failed to report at all; one states that they have no such department, and therefore no statistics can be given; and several others give very imperfect reports. One auxiliary, which has usually sent in full and

satisfactory accounts, has lately changed the Superintendent in this department, and the new officer. not fully understanding her duties, neglected to keep account of tracts, etc., and to ascertain the number who practice proportionate giving. This auxiliary reported last year, twenty-four in this practice; another somewhat similarly circumstanced, previously had eight, and one which failed to report this year had nine last year. The probability is that most of these still continue the practice; so that a full report would have increased the number of proportionate givers considerably over last year's, instead of making it ten less. I am glad to be able to say, on the other hand, that one auxiliary which has heretofore sent me no statistics forwarded quite a full report this year, although they had not yet formally organized the department.

We trust that next year the three auxiliaries which failed to report, and the others which sent imperfect reports, will realize the importance of organizing this department and reporting promptly and fully. Let your Superintendent be able to say next year, that she has received full reports from every auxiliary. If this is the case, it can hardly be doubted that the statistics reported to the Yearly Meeting will show a gratifying progress in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. P. ATHERTON, *Superintendent.*

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 12th, 1896.

REPORT OF JUNIOR AND JUVENILE BANDS.

TO THE W. F. M. S. OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING:

Of the nine bands on the list sent by Sarah D. Brown, four have not reorganized. The Etta Johnston band at Winthrop Centre was given up because so many members were away at school, those left at home thought it was better to join the auxiliary there, but they have kept up their interest in their special girl at Ramallah and made up the amount for her schooling this year. They have also held a few informal meetings with the children and their work has been blessed.

Of the other five bands, one has not reported; the remaining five bands, Westport, Amesbury, Portland and Deering (jointly), South Durham and North Berwick have done good work. Meetings have been held generally once a month. At these they have had texts, prayers, recitations, missionary leaflets read and lessons given on special mission stations. Patch-work has been fitted and sent to the Indian schools and Ramallah, also paper dolls, scrap books and some clothing.

Each band has held its own, as to numbers, with an increase of five to one.

In all, the five bands number sixty-nine members and have raised $71.45 by donations, sales, mite boxes, membership fees, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY W. JONES, *Superintendent.*

WINTHROP CENTRE, ME., Sixth Month 9th, 1896.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, 1895 AND 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.		
Swansea Auxiliary	$240 00	
Newport Auxiliary	6 00	
Fall River Auxiliary	82 23	
Providence Auxiliary	142 00	
Portsmouth Auxiliary	10 00	
East Greenwich Auxiliary	4 50	
		$484 73
Salem Quarterly Meeting.		
Salem Auxiliary	$59 54	
Lynn Auxiliary	105 75	
Amesbury Auxiliary	54 00	
Boston Auxiliary	123 05	
North Weare Auxiliary	5 00	
East Lynn Chapel Auxiliary	15 00	
		$362 34
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.		
Westport Auxiliary	$33 00	
Allen's Neck Auxiliary	45 00	
Long Plain Auxiliary	11 50	
Smith's Neck Auxiliary	22 77	
		$112 27
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting.		
Winthrop Centre Auxiliary	$104 00	
Winthrop Centre Memorial for Lavinia M. Briggs	10 00	
West Gardiner Auxiliary	13 00	
Hallowell Auxiliary	18 00	
		$145 00
Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting.		
East Parsonsfield Auxiliary	$19 00	
North Sandwich Auxiliary	27 00	
		$46 00
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting.		
South Durham Auxiliary	$35 40	
East Durham Auxiliary	65 00	
Portland Auxiliary	127 24	
Windham Centre Auxiliary	11 00	
		$238 64
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.		
Bolton Auxiliary	$47 25	
Woonsocket Auxiliary	69 46	
		$116 71
Amount carried forward,		$1,505 69

Amount brought forward,		$1,505 69
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting.		
China Auxiliary	$66 00	
East Vassalboro Auxiliary	66 00	
Unity "	9 00	
		$141 00
Dover Quarterly Meeting.		
North Berwick Auxiliary		$12 00
Bible School Collections		159 52
Interest on Trust Funds		36 80
California Yearly Meeting		65 00
Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends		40 00
Junior Bands		114 50
Y. P. S. C. E. of New England Yearly Meeting		320 06
Y. P. S. C. E., Smith's Neck, Mass.		17 96
Memorial Gifts for		
Julia E. Almy	$10 00	
Lavinia G. Huntington	10 00	
Flora M. Bailey	10 00	
Hannah A. P. Larkin	10 00	
Margaret C. Kimber	10 00	
		$50 00
Miscellaneous		146 25
Contribution		53
Donation, S. J. S.		40 00
		$2,649 31

EXPENDITURES.

William T. Hussey, for Girls in Training Home	$1,300 00	
William T. Hussey, for Five Day Scholars	25 00	
Elizabeth Test and Lina B. Lunt, Salaries	600 00	
Elizabeth Test, from Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends	40 00	
Elizabeth Test, from Y. P. S. C. E., Smith's Neck, Mass.	10 52	
Elizabeth Test, from Y. P. S. C. E., of New England Yearly Meeting	320 06	
Freight on Barrels to Elizabeth Test	10 31	
Expenses of Public Meeting at Newport	36 00	
Amount Borrowed, Third Month 31, 1895	60 29	
George C. Herbert, Printing	7 75	
Mary G. Winslow, Trustee, Four Life Memberships	80 00	
Mary G. Winslow, Trustee, Six Memorial Gifts	60 00	
Superintendents of Departments	8 59	
Postage	2 00	
Providence Auxiliary, Expressage	92	
E. W. Longstreth, for Jewish Missions	45 65	
E. W. Longstreth, Annual Membership Dues	17 22	
Katharine Dixon, India, for support of Effie E. Swan	25 00	
		$2,649 31
Received for Account of Indian Building Fund, Proceeds of Note of M. M. Bailey		$119 00

Four life members have been added during the year. The list now stands as follows:

Elizabeth T. Larkin.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Caroline Alice Jones.
Mary R. Osborne.
Hannah B. Farr.
Huldah H. Leighton.
Etta H. Johnston.
Anna G. Wood.
Ruth S. Murray.
Emeline H. Tuttle.
Ellen K. Buffum.
* Lydia E. Sawyer.
Mary H. Robinson.
Phebe S. Aydelott.
Mary E. Gifford.
Sarah J. Swift.
Mary S. Macomber.
Elizabeth A. Gifford.
Hannah G. Sherman.
Lina B. Lunt.
Tacie P. Hawkes.
Lucy R. Goddard.
Myra E. Frye.
Adeline F. Chace.
M. Augusta Battey.
Lettie M. Bailey.
Sophia D. Bailey.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN H. MEADER, *Treasurer.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 12th, 1896.

I have audited the foregoing accounts, with the vouchers for expenditures, and find them correct.

M. AUGUSTA BATTEY, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand	$13 01	
Interest on Nebraska Loan and Trust Company	12 00	
Interest on A. F. Cox & Sons' Note	5 00	
Interest on Deposit in Savings Bank	6 79	
For four memberships	80 00	
For Six Memorial Gifts ($10)	60 00	
		$176 80

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Susan H. Meader, Treasurer	$36 80	
Deposit in Savings Bank	140 00	
		$176 80

AMOUNT HELD IN TRUST.

In Augusta Savings Bank	$300 00	
Nebraska Loan and Trust Company	200 00	
A. F. Cox & Sons' Note	100 00	
		$600 00

For the Trustees,

MARY G. WINSLOW.

WINTHROP CENTRE, ME., Fifth Month 26th, 1896.

I have examined the foregoing account with vouchers and find them correct.

M. A. BATTEY, *Auditor.*

* Deceased.

The following named Friends have been appointed as officers of the Society for the ensuing year : —

President—Phebe S. Aydelott, 344 Rock Street, Fall River, Mass.

Vice-Presidents-at-Large—Myra E. Frye, Woodfords, Me., Ruth S. Murray, Grove Street, New Bedford, Mass.

Corresponding Secretary—Alice W. Maxfield, Amesbury, Mass.

Recording Secretary—Abby M. C. Breed, 27 Beach Avenue, Lynn, Mass.

Treasurer—Susan H. Meader, 634 Warren Street, Roxbury, Mass.

QUARTERLY MEETING VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Rhode Island—Adeline F. Chace, box 416, Fall River, Mass.
Salem—Jennie W. Crosman, Mountain Avenue, Lynn, Mass.
Sandwich—Elizabeth A. Gifford, Adamsville, R. I.
Smithfield—Sarah J. Swift, 22 Oak Avenue, Worcester, Mass.
Dover—Almira B. Buffum, North Berwick, Me.
Falmouth—Miriam C. Webber, Lisbon Falls, Me.
Vassalboro—Eliza P. Pierce, East Vassalboro, Me.
Parsonsfield—Mary L. Cobb, Parsonsfield, Me.

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT FUND.

For One Year—Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.
For Two Years—Anna M. Gove, Seabrook, N. H.
For Three Years—Mary G. Winslow, Winthrop Centre, Me.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

Proportionate and Systematic Giving —Deborah P. Atherton, Uxbridge, Mass.
Literature—Emily M. Jones, Limington, Me.
Junior and Juvenile Work—Mary W. Jones, Winthrop Centre, Me.

AUDITORS.

M. Augusta Battey, Providence, R. I., Elizabeth W. Swan, 2 Derne Street, Boston, Mass.

BOX COMMITTEE.

Chairman—Mary B. Johnston, 469 Cumberland Street, Portland, Me.
Isabelle D. Chase, Cherry Street, Lynn, Mass.
Olive H. Weeks, Friends' School, Providence, R. I.

The Report of the Committee on Purity was read and accepted. In this, as indeed in every work, there is need of much prayer and of dwelling in the secret place of the Most High. We encourage the work, and, with many prayers that they may have wisdom from above, we commit the work again to a committee. M. Augusta Battey and others are appointed a Nominating Committee to present names of Friends to constitute that committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PURITY.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends: —

"Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people." (Isa. 62: 10.)

Loudly the voice of the prophet calling to duty sounds in our ears to-day.

We know purity of life to be God's command, and true loyalty to Him requires that we should not only be pure ourselves, but put forth earnest, practical, consecrated effort for the uplifting of those who have fallen, create and develop correct public sentiment and help in the training and shielding of the young from the corrupting influences of the day.

We are glad that not only parents but ministers, teachers, physicians and Christian workers are giving prayerful thought to this subject, and by their timely utterances are helping to forward the work so greatly needed. Our reports are encouraging, and there seems to be an increasing desire that more effort may be put forth in the future.

Written reports from eleven members of the Committee have been received. Seven Mothers' Meetings have been held, at one of which an excellent and very helpful address on "Home Making" and "Heart Keeping" was given. It is believed that if this address could be given in every meeting in our Yearly Meeting much good would result.

About three thousand pages of literature have been distributed, five copies of the "Report of the National Purity Congress" purchased and circulated, also four copies of the "Philanthropist" taken, and a few subscribers obtained to the "New Crusade."

A sermon entitled "The Crowning Sin of the Age" is highly recommended by one who has heard it, and a suggestion made that it be printed in tract form for general distribution. There is a great call for one leaflet published by the committee, "The Questioning Age," which is now out of print. Eight dollars will print two thousand copies of this leaflet. With God's blessing resting on each one of these, who can estimate the result? We need funds for this literature work. Shall we have them? Last year we had twenty-eight dollars, every cent of which, we believe, was wisely and profitably expended.

The formation of "Child Culture Circles" is also suggested as a means of great good. If the mothers in any neighborhood would meet together monthly for prayer and the discussion of vital subjects connected with child training, we believe much good would be done. Leaflets especially designed for such meetings, twelve in a series, just enough to last a year. Literature can be obtained free of cost by application to the superintendent of this department and a statement of the kind required.

There appears to be an increasing and honest desire to know the truth, and also much prayer for wisdom and Divine guidance, which we know will be given according to promise.

Respectfully submitted,

ADELINE F. CHACE, *Cor. Sec.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF PURITY COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

From Collection at Yearly Meeting at Portland, Sixth Month, 1895	$10 38
Contributed by Friends	7 20
Total	$17 58

EXPENDITURES.

For Four Copies of "Philanthropist"	$3 00
Five Copies of Purity Congress Report for use of Members of Committee	11 00
Literature and Postage	3 58
Total	$17 58

MARY ALMY CHASE, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEE ON THE SUBJECT OF PURITY.

ORGANIZATION.

Chairman—Emeline H. Tuttle.
Corresponding Secretary—Elizabeth T. Larkin.
Recording Secretary—Salome C. Wheeler.
Treasurer—Mary Almy Chase.

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Mary Almy Chase. Mary C. Baylies. Martha B. Osborne.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

Mary A. Chase, box 124, Manchester, N. H.
Elizabeth T. Larkin, 72 Central Street, Peabody, Mass.
Mary C. Baylies, 74 Bedford Street, New Bedford, Mass.
Emeline H. Tuttle, Dover, N. H.
Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass.
Abbie P. Jenkins, East Vassalboro, Me.
Martha B. Osborne, Manchester, Me.
Phebe L. Pope, East Parsonsfield, Me.
H. Elizabeth Jones, Amesbury, Mass.
Adeline F. Chace, box 355, Fall River, Mass.
Angeline McPherson, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Adeline P. Briggs, care Hoxie Bros., Phenix, R. I.
Eliza B. Douglas, Lisbon Falls, Me.

We are united in requesting that one session of the Yearly Meeting of 1897 be a separate session.

Adjourned to meet immediately with men Friends in joint session.

ALICE W. MAXFIELD, *Clerk.*

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

The Seventh Annual Business Meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was held Sixth Month 13th, 1896, at 2.00 P. M., at Newport, R. I.

In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by the Secretary, followed by singing and devotion.

Mary L. Chace was then called to act as Chairman for the day.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Delegates from the local societies responded to their names as follows: —

Somerset.—Arthur Chace, Anna Earle, Estelle Chace, William Sayers, Harry Read, Flora Read.

Fall River.—H. Emma Skinner, Alice Ridings.

Saylesville.—Maggie Montgomery, Myra Meader.

Friends' School.—Bertha T. Pinkham, Edward Macomber, Anna Swan, Edith Jones, Sarah Gifford.

Lynn.—Abby M. C. Breed, Cyrus Jones, Jennie T. Bishop.

Amesbury.—Ruth E. Osborne.

East Lynn.—Elmer E. Metzger, Jennie W. Crosman, Jennie M. Atkins.

Portland.—Ellison R. Purdy, Fred Dearborn, Lewis M. Douglas, Emma A. Douglas, Elizabeth Frye, Jason F. Fickett, Hannah Fickett.

South Durham.—Mattie H. Newhall, Edwin W. Webber.

Smithfield.—Mabel A. Mann, Oscar J. Morse.

Vassalboro, South China.—Anna Jones.

Fairfield, Hallowell.—A. Frank Morse.

All other delegates appointed not present at the roll call.

The statistical report of the Recording Secretary was read and accepted.

The following report of our Organizer was read and accepted: —

REPORT OF ORGANIZER.

To the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of New England Yearly Meeting: —

Owing, no doubt, to the lack of evangelistic work, there have been very few calls for the services of Organizer the past year. However, it was thought proper to try to encourage existing societies, especially those remote from large centres of social and religious life.

There has been but one society formed by your Organizer, that at West Epping, N. H.; but this society, although in a Friends' meeting-house, has no Friend among its active members, they being Methodists, Congregationalists and Adventists. It was started with six active and twelve associate members, and has since grown and exerted an influence for good in a community which had very little religious life. The work was undertaken by your Organizer upon the suggestion of the Quarterly Meeting Superintendent and the request of a very earnest young woman of West Epping, who had faith that God would pour out His spirit upon that forsaken community.

At least three societies have started the past year without the assistance of your Organizer, at Augusta and St. Albans, Me., and at Portsmouth, R. I.

In November last Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting was visited and a conference of societies in that quarter held. About the same time the then new society at St. Albans was visited and given some advice concerning the working of a society. Other societies visited are Portland, East Vassalboro and Oak Grove Seminary, Me., South Pittsfield, N. H., Woonsocket, R. I, and Westport, Mass.

All the Quarterly Meeting Superintendents have been corresponded with concerning the needs and prospects of the societies in their respective Quarters, and in all some forty letters have been written.

The needs of the societies seem to be a deeper realization of the responsibilities God has placed upon them, such as setting consistent examples in righteousness, faithful work for the salvation of their associate members, and doing something daily in the name of God for the betterment of humanity and toward the payment of the great debt we owe to Christ our Redeemer.

In some societies there is a considerable lack in the work of committees. Now when we realize that the life of a society depends upon the faithful and aggressive work of the committees, we must feel the need of more activity in them.

Several societies should have junior societies connected with them, and as this is a most promising field, it should receive prompt attention.

There are yet many Preparative Meetings without Christian Endeavor Societies, and evangelistic work is much needed to bring the young people of such communities to the place where they will desire to do something definite for Christ and the church. May God send forth laborers into the field.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH EARLE.

Dighton, Mass., June 10, 1896.

The following report of the Superintendent of Junior Work was read and accepted.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF JUNIOR WORK.

To the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of New England Yearly Meeting:—

Although my heart is deeply in the work, yet, owing to home duties, it has been impossible for me to fulfill the duties of Junior Superintendent.

For some reason most of the local societies have failed to send in their reports. Boston has seventeen members with five other children in regular attendance. The Missionary and Flower Committees report the most work. They support a day scholar in Ramallah, besides doing home-mission work. Mite-boxes are used.

The girls' society in Lynn has seventeen members. They have just changed Superintendents, and are to organize anew with the boys.

Durham, Me., has appointed a Junior Superintendent, and is about to organize.

South China Society has twenty members, who with few exceptions are brave little standard bearers. The Missionary Committee is the one of especial interest. They are doing something for both home and foreign work. A public missionary meeting was held with very good success.

One great difficulty in the way of organizing Junior Societies is the Loyal Temperance Legion. Could not the societies be united in some way in the small places where the same children have to sustain both?

While I have been able to accomplish so little, I do pray and believe that the interest in this work will go on to grand results in our Yearly Meeting. I know of no Christian work which brings its own reward so quickly.

May the dear Lord, who took the little ones in His arms and blessed them, direct the work for the coming year to His honor and glory, and to the bringing of many dear children into active living for Him.

Respectfully submitted,

IDA C. JONES,

Superintendent of Junior Work.

The following report of the Corresponding Secretary was read and accepted: —

To Friends' Young People's Society Christian Endeavor of New England Yearly Meeting: —

Quite a number of letters have been written by your Corresponding Secretary during the past year. I have answered all letters received as promptly as possible.

Not as much has been done, however, as might have been by one who knew more of the Christian Endeavor work in the various local societies.

LUCY J. GODDARD, *Cor. Sec.*

The following report of the Treasurer was read and accepted : —

TREASURER'S REPORT OF FRIENDS' Y. P. S. C. E. FOR NEW ENGLAND, ENDING SIXTH MONTH, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$45 88	
Received from collection at Public Meeting, Portland, Me.	34 10	
Received from Society South China, Me.	1 00	
		$80 98

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Frank E. Jones for expense incurred while Organizer	$6 25	
Paid for Money Order to M. M. Binford, Indiana, in the interests of the C. E. work in the American Friend	20 12	
Paid for postage stamps for Harriet E. MacLean, President	2 00	
Paid Ralph Earle, Organizer, for expenses while in the service	30 00	
Balance on hand	22 61	
		$80 98

ACCOUNT OF FRIENDS' YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR INDIAN MISSION WORK.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$263 16	
Received from Society Somerset, Mass.	17 55	
" " " Lewiston, Me.	15 00	
" " " Dartmouth, Mass.	17 50	
" " " Fall River, "	6 85	
" " " Woonsocket, R. I.	30 00	
		$350 06

EXPENDITURES.

By checks and money order to Susan H. Meader, Treasurer New England W. F. M. S., in the interests of the School and Children at the Mexican Kickapoo Indian Mission	$350 06

FRED C. DEARBORN, *Treasurer.*

The Evangelistic Committee reported that little had been done on account of the difficulty of getting the committee together. At the conference held at Lynn they co-operated with the Conference Committee in arranging an Evangelistic Meeting in the evening. At South China Camp Meeting an all-day Evangelistic Meeting was held through their efforts. Several visits were made and letters of encouragement written to local societies. It was voted that the Nominating Committee bring forward a name for Superintendent of Evangelistic Work, instead of a committee.

The following persons were appointed as a Nominating Committee, to bring forward names at the evening session for officers for the ensuing year : — Frank E. Jones, Abby M. C. Breed, Anna M. Gifford, Lewis Douglas, Oscar J. Morse, Anna Jones, Horace Hall.

The subject of the Friends' International Christian Endeavor Union was then brought before us and left to the Executive Committee to ascertain whether we belong to that organization, and if so to appoint a delegate to attend the Convention at Washington.

An interesting letter was read from Lina B. Lunt, giving an account of the work at the Kickapoo Mission.

It was voted that the Nominating Committee bring forward the name of some person to act as Superintendent of Mission work.

The Meeting adjourned to 7.30 P. M.

SIXTH MONTH 13TH, 8.30 P. M.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman. After singing, J. Walter Malone addressed the Meeting and led in prayer. Chas. H. Atkins delivered an address on "Christian Citizenship."

The Nominating Committee then submitted the following report, and the officers therein named were elected for the ensuing year, viz. :

President—Arthur Chace, box 416, Fall River, Mass.
Vice-President—Horace Hall, St. Albans, Me.
Recording Secretary—Mary A. Crosman, 24 Beach Avenue, Lynn, Mass.
Corresponding Secretary—Lucy J. Goddard, Deering, Me.
Treasurer—D. Ellwood Maxfield, Amesbury, Mass.
Organizer—Ralph Earle, Dighton, Mass,
Superintendent Junior Work—Jennie Wordsworth, Augusta, Me.
Superintendent Missionary Work—Nellie Hussey, Woodfords, Me.
Superintendent Evangelistic Work—Mary C. Farr, Augusta, Me.

QUARTERLY MEETING SUPERINTENDENTS.

Rhode Island—Emma Skinner, Durfee Street, Fall River, Mass.
Salem—Alice W. Jones, Amesbury, Mass.
Sandwich—Hattie Tallman, Dartmouth, Mass.
Falmouth—Arthur W. Hawkes, 69 Union Street, Portland, Me.
Smithfield—Leander Fisher, Woonsocket, R. I.
Vassalboro—Eva C. Goddard, East Vassalboro, Me.
Dover—Clarence I. Pinkham, Dover, N. H.
Fairfield—George F. Morse, Hallowell, Me.
Parsonsfield—Mary L. Cobb, Parsonsfield, Me.

An open parliament followed, conducted by Elmer E. Metzger, in which he asked the questions: What literature to read as a help to good citizenship? What relation peace, the press, total abstinence and woman suffrage have to Christian citizenship? which questions were answered very enthusiastically by persons all through the meeting.

A collection was then taken, and the meeting closed by singing "America," and repeating the Mizpah benediction.

MARY L. CHACE, *Chairman.*

MARY A. CROSMAN, *Secretary.*

TIME AND PLACE OF HOLDING
QUARTERLY AND MONTHLY MEETINGS.

RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING is held on the 1st Fifth-day in Second, Fifth, Eighth and Eleventh months, at 10. 30 A. M.

Second month, at Providence, R. I.

Fifth month, at East Greenwich R. I.

Eighth month, at Newport, R. I.

Eleventh month, at Fall River, Mass.

RHODE ISLAND MONTHLY MEETING, held last Fifth-day in each month, at 10.30 A. M. Even months at Portsmouth, odd months at Newport. Isaac B. Macomber, Correspondent, Portsmouth, R. I.

EAST GREENWICH MONTHLY MEETING, held at East Greenwich, Second-day before the 1st Fifth-day in First, Fourth, Seventh and Tenth months, at 11.00 A. M. Charles W. Earle, Correspondent, East Greenwich, R. I.

PROVIDENCE MONTHLY MEETING, held at Providence, last Seventh-day in each month, at 3.30 P. M. Thomas J. Battey, Correspondent, Friends' School, Providence, R. I.

SWANSEA MONTHLY MEETING, held last Second-day of each month, at 2.00 P. M. Even months at Fall River, odd months at Somerset. Henry C. Aydelott, Correspondent, 344 Rock street, Fall River, Mass.

SOUTH KINGSTON MONTHLY MEETING, held at South Kingston, Second-day before the last Fifth-day, before the Quarterly Meeting, at 11.00 A. M. Peter H. Collins, Correspondent, Wood River Junction, R. I.

SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING, held on 3d Fifth-day in First month, at Salem, at 10 A. M.

4th Fifth-day in Fifth month, at Amesbury, at 10 A. M.

3d Fifth-day in Eighth month, at Lynn, at 10 A. M.

3d Fifth-day in Tenth month, at Weare, N. H., at 10 A. M.

SALEM MONTHLY MEETING, held at Salem, 2d Fifth-day in First and Fourth months, at 2.30 P. M., 2d Fifth-day in Seventh and Tenth months, at 7.30 P. M.; at Lynn in Second, Third, Eleventh and Twelfth months, at 2.30 P. M., Fifth, Eighth and Ninth months, at 7.30 P. M., 1st Sixth-day in Sixth month, at 2.30 P. M. William O. Newhall, Correspondent, Lynn, Mass.

AMESBURY MONTHLY MEETING, held 1st Fifth-day in each month; at Amesbury in First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Eighth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth months, at 10 A. M.; at Pittsfield in Ninth month, at 10 A. M.; at West Newbury in Sixth month, at 10 A. M.; at Epping in Second and Seventh months, at 2 P. M. Moses Huntington, Correspondent, Amesbury, Mass.

Weare Monthly Meeting, held at North Weare, N. H., in First, Third, Fifth, Seventh, Tenth and Eleventh months, at 10.30 A. M.; at South Weare, N. H., in Second, Fourth, Eighth and Twelfth months, at 10.30 A. M ; at Henniker, N. H., in Sixth and Ninth months, at 10.30 A. M. Lindley H. Osborne, Correspondent, North Weare, N. H.

Boston Monthly Meeting, held at Boston, Mass., each month on the 2d Sixth-day, at 7 45 P. M., except in the Sixth month, when it is held the 1st Sixth-day in the month. Olney T. Meader, Correspondent, 634 Warren street, Boston, Mass.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting is held on the 2d Fifth-day of the months in which it occurs.

First and Fourth months, at New Bedford, Mass., at 11.00 A. M.

Seventh month, at Falmouth, Mass., at 11.30 A. M.

Tenth month, at Sandwich, Mass., at 11.30 A. M.

Sandwich Monthly Meeting, held at Sandwich, Mass., in Second, Fourth, Sixth, Tenth and Twelfth months; at Yarmouth, Mass., in Third, Eighth and Eleventh months; at Falmouth, Mass., in First, Fifth, Seventh and Ninth months. This Monthly Meeting occurs the 1st Sixth-day in each month, excepting in the Seventh and Tenth months, when it is held the Sixth-day after the 2d Fifth-day. Joseph Ewer, Correspondent, East Sandwich, Mass.

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, held at Allen's Neck, Mass., in First, Fourth, Seventh and Tenth months; at Smith's Neck, Mass., in Second, Fifth, Eighth and Eleventh months; at Apponagansett, Mass., in Third, Sixth, Ninth and Twelfth months. This Monthly Meeting is held the 4th Fourth-day in each month. David H. Potter, Correspondent, Dartmouth, Mass.

Westport Monthly Meeting, held at Central Village, Mass., on the 3d Fifth-day of each month, except in Sixth month, when it is held the Seventh-day following the 3d Fifth-day, at 11.00 A. M. James A. Gifford, Correspondent, Central Village, Mass.

New Bedford Monthly Meeting, held at New Bedford, Mass., on the 4th Fifth-day in each month, at 11.00 A. M. John B. Baylies, Correspondent, New Bedford, Mass.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, held on the Seventh and First-days after the last Sixth-day in First, Fifth, Eighth and Tenth months, at 10 A. M.

First month, at Lewiston, Me.

Fifth month, at Deering, Me.

Eighth month, at Durham, Me.

Tenth month, at Windham, Me.

Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight held on the day preceding the Quarterly Meeting, at 2 P. M.

Falmouth Monthly Meeting, held at Deering, Me., on 3d Fifth-day in First, Third, Fifth, Seventh, Ninth and Eleventh months; at Portland, Me., in Second, Fourth, Eighth, Tenth and Twelfth months; in Sixth month one week later. Calvin S. Goddard, Correspondent, Woodfords, Me.

DURHAM MONTHLY MEETING, held at South Durham, Me., on Third-day following the 2d Fifth-day in the month, at 10 A. M., except in Sixth month, when it is one week later. Henry F. Newell, Correspondent, Brunswick, Me.

WINDHAM MONTHLY MEETING, held Sixth-day following the 3d Fifth-day in the month, except in Sixth month, it is held one week later. Held at Windham, Me., except in Sixth and Ninth months, when it is held at Casco, Me. All meetings at 10 A. M. William H. Varney, Correspondent, North Windham, Me.

LEWISTON MONTHLY MEETING, held at Lewiston, Me., Third-day following the 2d Fifth-day in the month, at 7.30 P. M., except Sixth month, when it is one week later. Josiah B. Holder, Correspondent, Lewiston, Me.

SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING, held on the 2d Fifth-day in the month, at 10.30 A. M.

Second month, at Worcester, Mass.
Fifth month, at Northbridge, Mass.
Eighth month, at Bolton, Mass.
Eleventh month, at Woonsocket, R. I.

SMITHFIELD MONTHLY MEETING, held at Woonsocket, R. I., on the last Fifth-day in each month, at 11.00 A. M. Isaac Steere, Correspondent, Harrisville, R. I.

UXBRIDGE MONTHLY MEETING, held at Worcester, Mass., on the Fourth-day before the last Fifth-day in each month, at 7.30 P. M. Daniel Wheeler, Correspondent, Uxbridge, Mass.

BOLTON MONTHLY MEETING, held at Bolton, Mass., on the Fourth-day before the last Fifth-day in each month, at 11.00 A. M. Paul A. Randall, Correspondent, Berlin, Mass.

VASSALBORO QUARTERLY MEETING, held, at East Vassalboro, Me., on the 2d Sixth-day in Second and Eleventh months.

2d Sixth-day in Ninth month, at Vassalboro, Me.
Last Sixth-day in Fifth month, at China, Me.
William H. Cates, Correspondent.

UNITY MONTHLY MEETING, held at Unity, Me., Sixth-day after 3d Fifth-day in each month, except Seventh, Eighth and Ninth months, when held at Brooks, Me. Clement R. Jones, Correspondent.

MAPLE GROVE MONTHLY MEETING, held at Maple Grove, Me., last Seventh-day in each month. William Penn Varney, Correspondent.

VASSALBORO MONTHLY MEETING, held Third-day after the 2d Fifth-day alternately at Vassalboro, Me., and East Vassalboro, Me., commencing at Vassalboro, Me., in First month, except Sixth month, when held Third-day after Yearly Meeting closes. William H. Cates, Correspondent.

CHINA MONTHLY MEETING, held at China, Me., Fourth-day after 2d Fifth-day in the Third, Fourth Seventh, Ninth, Eleventh and Twelfth months. South China, Me., First, Fifth, Eighth and Tenth months. At West China, Me., Second and Sixth months. All at 10.00 o'clock. In Sixth month, the week after the Yearly Meeting closes. Alfred H. Jones, Correspondent.

DOVER QUARTERLY MEETING, held at Gonic, N. H., on Seventh-day after the 1st First-day in First month, at 11 A. M.

Seventh-day after 3d Fifth-day in Fourth month, at Dover, N. H., at 10.30 A.M.

Seventh-day after the 3d Fifth-day in Eighth month, at North Berwick, Me., at 10.30 A. M.

Seventh-day after 3d Fifth-day in Tenth month, at Rochester, N. H., at 10.30 A. M.

Samuel Buffum, Correspondent, North Berwick, Me.

DOVER MONTHLY MEETING, held on Fourth-day before the 2d Fifth-day in each month, at Rochester, N. H., in the First, Third, Fifth, Ninth and Eleventh months; at Dover, N. H. in Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Tenth and Twelfth months; at Gonic, N. H. in Second and Seventh months. All at 10.30 A. M. William P. Tuttle, Correspondent, Dover, N. H.

BERWICK MONTHLY MEETING, held at North Berwick, Me. on 3d Fifth-day in each month, at 10.30 A. M. Samuel Buffum, Correspondent, No. Berwick, Me.

FAIRFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING, held at Winthrop, Me., on Seventh-day after 1st Sixth-day in Second month, at 10 A. M.

Seventh-day before last Sixth-day in Fifth month, at Manchester, Me.

Seventh-day after 1st Sixth-day in Ninth month, at Winthrop, Me.

Seventh-day after 1st Sixth-day in Eleventh month, at Fairfield, Me.

WINTHROP MONTHLY MEETING, held on last Sixth-day in the month, at 10 A. M., at Winthrop, Me., in Third, Sixth, Ninth and Twelfth months; at Manchester, Me., in First, Fourth, Seventh and Tenth months; at West Gardiner, Me., in Second, Fifth, Eighth and Eleventh months. Levi Jones, Correspondent, Winthrop, Me.

SIDNEY MONTHLY MEETING, is held the 4th Fifth-day in each month, except in the Fifth month, when it is held the 3d Fifth-day, at 10.00 A. M., at Sidney, Me., Second, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Tenth and Twelfth months; at Fairfield, Me., First, Third, Fifth, Seventh, Ninth and Eleventh months. Asa Shepard, Correspondent, Centre Sidney, Me.

ST. ALBANS MONTHLY MEETING, held at St. Albans, Me., the Third-day before 4th Fifth-day in each month, at 10.00 A. M. Cyrus Estes, Correspondent, St. Albans, Me.

PARSONSFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING, held at East Parsonsfield, Me., on Seventh-day after 1st Sixth-day in Ninth month, and Seventh-day after 2d Fifth-day in First month, at 10.00 A. M.

Seventh-day after 1st Sixth-day in Eleventh month, and Seventh-day after 3d Fifth-day in Fifth month, at North Sandwich, N. H., at 10 A. M.

PARSONSFIELD MONTHLY MEETING, held at East Parsonsfield, Me., on Fourth-day before the 3d Fifth-day in each month, at 10 A. M. Silas H. Cartland, Correspondent, East Parsonsfield, Me.

SANDWICH MONTHLY MEETING, held at North Sandwich, N. H., on 2d Fifth-day in each month, except First month, when it is held on the 1st Fifth-day, at 10 A. M. Russell Hoag, Correspondent, North Sandwich, N. H.

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YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND,

AT

PORTLAND, ME.

CALENDAR, 1897.

Subject to change by order of the Yearly Meeting

Fifth-day, Sixth Month 10th.

Meeting on Ministry and Oversight	9.00 A.M.	3.00 P.M.
Public Meeting for Worship		7.30 P.M.
Representative Meeting		8.00 P.M.

Sixth-day, Sixth Month 11th.

Yearly Meeting for Discipline, Joint Session	9.00 A.M.	
Annual Meeting of the W. F. M. S.		2.00 P.M.
Public Meeting for Worship		2.30 P.M.
Joint Session. Reports of Boarding Schools and Educational Committees		4.00 P.M.
Public Meeting on Education		7.30 P.M.

Seventh-day, Sixth Month 12th.

Devotional Meeting	8.00 A.M.	
Joint Session. Report of Committees on Gospel Work and Church Extension,	10.00 A.M.	
Society of Christian Endeavor, Business Meeting		2.00 P.M.
Joint Session. Report of Foreign Mission Committee and Committee on Western Indians		3.00 P.M.
Society of Christian Endeavor		7.30 P.M.

First-day, Sixth Month 13th.

Devotional Meeting	8.30 A.M.	
Meetings for Worship	10.30 A.M.	3 00 P.M.
Meeting for Women only		1.30 P.M.
Meeting for Men only		1.30 P.M.
Meeting for Worship		7.30 P.M.

Second-day, Sixth Month 14th.

Devotional Meeting	8.00 A.M.	
Public Meeting on Bible Schools	8.30 A.M.	
Joint Session. Report of Bible School Committee and Finance Committee	10.00 A.M.	
Public Meeting for Worship		2.00 P.M.
Joint Session. Report of Temperance Committee and Committee on Freedmen		3.30 P.M.
Public Meeting of the W. F. M S.		7.30 P.M.

Third-day, Sixth Month 15th.

Devotional Meeting	8.00 A.M.	
Joint Session. Reading Records of Representative Meeting, Queries and Answers	10.00 A.M.	
Public Meeting for Worship		2.00 P.M.
Committee on Mosher Fund and Peace		4.00 P.M.
Public Meeting on Peace and Arbitration		7.30 P.M.

Fourth-day, Sixth Month 16th.

Devotional Meeting	8.00 A.M.	
Women's Meeting for Discipline	9.00 A.M.	
Joint Session	11.00 A.M.	
Public Meeting for Worship		7.30 P.M.